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FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1917.

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NOTES ON THE SHAFFNER FAMILY

When the ship Samuel, of London, Hugh Percy, Master, sailed from Rotterdam, she had on board 275 passengers, who landed in America. Of these 88 were men, 85 women and 112 children. The men qualified Aug. 17, 1733. Among them was Johannes Caspar Schaffner, or, as his name appears on the original list, Gasper Schoffner, a young man of 21. On the same vessel were Johannes Peter Knobel, a man of 42, his wife, Ursula, aged 43, and their daughter, Anna Maria, a girl of 16. These four eventually found their way to Lancaster, Penna., where they settled. According to Ellis and Evans (p. 363) Shaffner, as the name is sometimes spelled, is first mentioned in the records in 1744, was by profession a "blue dyer," and carried on that business in the borough.

In those days, more than a hundred and eighty years ago, the passage across the Atlantic was not the comfortable, convenient and rapid transit of a few days, which it is in this year of 1916. Weeks, nay, months, were consumed in the journey. In the crowded limits of a small sailing vessel, those on board necessarily were thrown much together, and it is not hard to understand the romance which grew up between the youth of 21 and the girl of 16, culminating in a marriage, celebrated by the Rev. John Casper Stoever, between John Casper Schaffner and Anna Maria Knobel, both of Lancaster, on Dec. 30, 1735.

The baptismal record of the German Reformed Church, now the First Reformed Church, has the following entries: John Caspar Shaffner, son of Caspar, bap. Oct. 30, 1737; Mary Magel, d. Caspar and Anna Maria, b. Ap. 22, 1748; John Paul, b. May 15, 1749; Ann Margaret, b. June 20, 1752; John b. Oct. 28, 1754; John George, b. Apr. 2, 1757; Charlotte, b. Jan. 13, 1759; Salome, b. Mar. 1, 1761.

The history of this Church (p. 23), states that Caspar Shaffner, in 1749, was one of its elders, and in addition was its organist for a long time, and when the new church was built, in 1753, he was one of its prominent members (p. 38). In 1772 his tax was 6 shillings. He was buried on April 18, 1773, having probably died on the 16th. His age was 60 years, 6 months and 8 days.

In 1749, he, with Paul Weitzel, was deputed to represent the congregation and prosecute the call to the Rev. Mr. Steiner, (p. 23). My notes state that he founded a school for poor children.

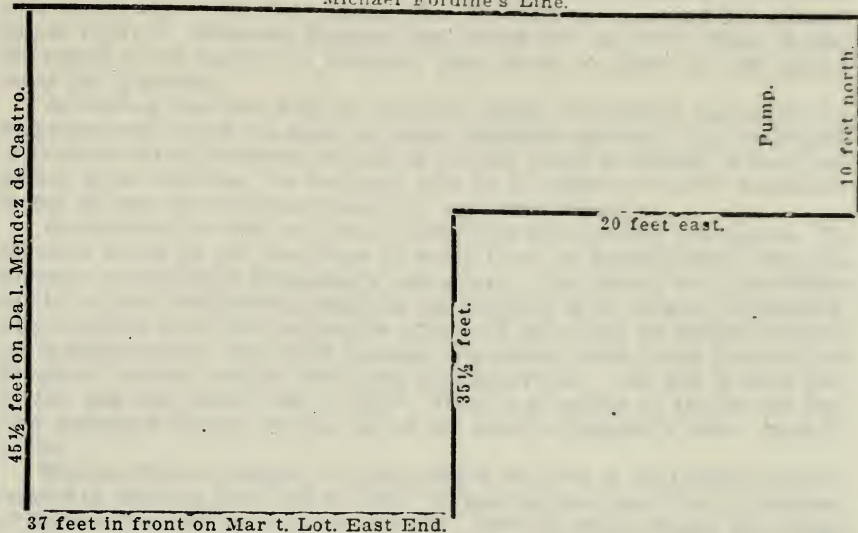
His will is dated April 6, 1773, Book B. I, p. 741, and was proven June 16 of the same year. He mentions his children, Caspar, Peter, John, George, Mary, wife of Jacob Eicholtz; the children of his daughter, Magdalen, deceased, and Margaret. Later she married Gottlieb Nauman. He leaves everything to his wife, Mary, dyeing vats included, to be divided after her death among his children. In 1744-45-49 he was assistant Town Clerk.

But while there is little to be recorded of the first Caspar Shaffner, he, nevertheless, has left his mark upon the history of Lancaster. He had no

reason to be ashamed of his descendants. Two of his sons, Peter and George, served with distinction during the Revolutionary War. Of them it is not within the scope of this paper to offer more than this mere passing mention. Its subject is the oldest son of the family, John Caspar, who in his day and generation was probably one of the most important and influential citizens in the then Borough of Lancaster.

It is always interesting to know where those of whom we speak resided. The deeds in our Court House show (Book R., p. 463), that on Mar. 30, 1773, Casper Shaffner, Sr., for the consideration of £300, deeded to Casper Shaffner,

Michael Fordine's Line.



R 463.

Recorded 20. October, 1777.

Jr., a lot on Market street, which he had brought from John and Margaret Hart on Sept. 1, 1748. A sketch of this lot is shown in the deed, chiefly noticeable because it mentions a name new to me in our records, "bounded by a lot formerly of Mendez de Custro, now of John Stone." Here the younger Shaffner built the house in which he made his home.

The name of Caspar Shaffner appears as assistant Town Clerk in 1760-61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67. In 1774 he was made Town Clerk; in 1777, Burgess, and again in 1791-93. Owing to the similarity of names, it is often hard to be sure of the individuality of the person recorded.

The marriage of Casper Schaffner to Elizabeth Kuhns took place Dec. 2, 1760, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Wm. Stry. She probably was the Elizabeth Kunz, daughter of Nicholas and Joanna, whose birth and baptism are recorded in the First Reformed Church, Aug. 25 and Sept. 4, 1748.

While Caspar Shaffner took no part in the military history of our county, he was active in other ways. He was Town Clerk from 1788 to 1796. The salary attached to that office was \$60 a month. The first record to be found is that on Dec. 15, 1774, he was, at a general election in the county, chosen as a member of the Committee of Observation. Later, April 27, 1775, this committee seems to have been, also, one of Inspection. They held their meetings at the Grape Tavern, then kept by Adam Reigart, and Caspar Shaffner was present at all their deliberations.

In 1780, he, with several other gentlemen of the borough, finding that the existing schools were inadequate to the growing wants of the people, and incapable of teaching the higher branches, engaged the services of a teacher of recommended abilities, to conduct a select academy for the tuition of their sons. This academy continued in existence for several years, but was finally suspended. It suggested the establishment of another, upon a surer foundation, and ultimately led to the incorporation of Franklin College, of which the original act speaks as "the German College and Charity School in the borough of Lancaster.

To Casper Shaffner and his wife, Elizabeth, these children were born: John Jacob, March 20, 1762; Caspar, Feb. 18, 1767, and a second John Jacob, March 11, 1772. Elizabeth Shaffner was buried Oct. 15, 1783. There is also the record of the burial of a daughter, Anna Maria, on June 12, 1769, aged 5 years and 2 months.

In looking over the wills at the Court House, one cannot but notice the frequency with which the name of Caspar Shaffner appears in the testaments of so many of the prominent citizens of his day, either as witness to their signature, or as executor. In the latter case he is almost invariably designated by the testator as "my good friend," or "my trusty friend."

He survived his wife until Feb. 9, 1826, aged 88 years and five months. To his son's widow he left "the house in which I live on Market street, adjoining property of Benjamin Champney's and others." He directs that "the house and lot on East King Street, adjoining the property of Dr. Samuel Fahnestock, where George Ford now resides, be sold," and the money be divided between his daughter-in-law, Ann Mary Shaffner, his sisters, Anna Maria Eicholtz and Margaret Nauman, and his niece, Ann Charlotte Frank. The will is dated Feb. 7, 1825, and was proved Feb. 13, 1826. There is a bequest of \$100 to the German Reformed Church for the use of the church—Register's Office, Book O. p. 434.

His son, Casper Shaffner 3rd, also served as Clerk of the County Commissioners in 1800 and from 1802 to 1824. He married Ann Mary Hall, a daughter of Charles Hall and Marie Salome Le Roy. Both he and his father were noted for their fine penmanship. He died Feb. 3, 1825, in his 58th year. His wife survived him until June 8, 1833, dying in her 65th year.

There are two Shaffner portraits in existence. They were given to the late George Nauman, if I recollect aright, by Mr. David Nauman. One is a life-size half length of a man of strongly German character; the other is a small oval painting on wood. There is no clue to their personality, but there is reason to suppose they represent the second and third Caspers. The artist whose brush created them is not known.

MEMORANDA CONCERNING THE COLUMBIA AND PHILADELPHIA RAILROAD, ETC.

In the year 1828 a bill authorizing the important enterprise of constructing, at State expense, a railroad connecting the channel of Western trade and travel—the river Susquehanna—with Eastern tide-waters—the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers—introduced in the legislature of the State, was obstinately fought to successful enactment by its supporters, against equally obstinate opposition by its objectors. This contest had a governing influence on the location of the road, entailing embarrassing drawbacks to its usefulness after completion, and these, in some measure, still exist.

The natural route of this important highway Eastward through Chester and Montgomery counties was down the great Chester valley to the Schuylkill, thence with that stream, by the present route of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, to an Eastern terminus—a practically down-grade from the point where the line breaks through the West-bounding hills. Instead, the road was forced across the valley and, by one of the heaviest gradients of the railroad, up the Eastern hills to Paoli, where it found the old General Wayne Inn, before which hostelry, for many succeeding years, its trains were halted for the "refreshment" of passengers, after the exhausting journey of twenty, or of sixty miles, according as they were West or East-bound. It happened that the landlord of this tavern was a member of the upper house of the State Legislature, and that his vote was needed to pass the bill that chartered the road. With a canny understanding of his advantage, this early "hold-up man" "stood pat" with the alternative: "No stop, no Aye!" and throttled the great State of Pennsylvania into catering to the appetite of the traveling public, and to that of the pocket of this patriotic statesman, enabling him to turn an honest penny in the sale of sandwiches, pies, pretzels, hard-boiled eggs, coffee, beer and Burns's "any stronger potion." Incidental to this tribute to the wise legislator was the necessity of getting the trains down from the otherwise purposeless climb to tide-water level. This was first effected by the device of an inclined plane, costly and time-consuming, and eventually by the present "avoiding" line from Paoli to Philadelphia—at what expense, the accounting department of the Pennsylvania Railroad only can tell. Thus this Paoli "lunch" would seem to rank in extravagant cost with the classic banquets of old Rome.

Another contributing influence in the details of location of the road was the legislative requirements as to construction. It seems to have been an admitted axiom that embankments above a certain moderate height—say six feet—were perilous to life and limb, therefore taboo; and it was so ordered that the located line should follow the natural topography of the land to the extent of hugging the undulations in order to keep safely within the prescribed maximum of embankment. The result of this cautious crawl is best exemplified in the present line of road west of Rohrerstown—about the only stretch of the original location that has not been "improved." Here, over a gently,

*Written by Col. Samuel Wright, of Columbia, who died March 7, 1916.

rolling farming country, where miles of tangent were easily practicable, sharp curve succeeds sharp curve in a tortuous course, with the consequence that in the running road-bed and equipment are racked and the souls as well as the bodies of passengers and employes imperiled.

This curvative is of nine degrees—that is, an instrumental deflection of four and a half degrees per hundred feet advance on curve from tangent, doubled to nine degrees for the succeeding tangent sight; then again the first deflection repeated, and so onward to the end of the curve. The instrument used by the early engineers was a theodolite—the engineers' transit was of later invention—the chaining was done with a four-pole iron chain. This curvature, in addition to the above-named disadvantages, was a serious drawback in construction. There was no experience in track-laying, the bending of rails was unheard of, consequently the rails for curves were imported from England in short curved sections. Think of it!

In illustration of the later practical running over this surviving example of the originally constructed Columbia and Philadelphia Railroad, I give this:

It is told that on one occasion "Tom" Scott (President Scott, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, got his railroad training in the office of collector of tolls of the Old State Road, at Columbia, was known to every man connected with that work and thus called; and though I, a younger man, never attained "Tom" familiarity, I presume to use the universal diminutive)—Scott, then, with an invited company of exalted guests—legislators, railroad officials, money-growers and the like, started for a record run from Columbia to Philadelphia, with a time limit. To insure success the President chose "Nick" Gilman, the pick of the fast (and safe) runners of the road, to take through the train—passengers, dining and baggage cars. An elaborate luncheon was spread, and as the guests stood for the preliminary cocktail, "Nick" struck Sener's curve, one of the nines, at what the French call *toute vitesse*. The result need not be written!

The incidents that I have gathered—of course, these are not at first-hand—I tell the tale as 'twas told to me—seem to have centered about Rohrerstown. After passing that village, going Eastward, the important crossing of the Little Conestoga Creek occurs. Joshua Scott, the great Lancaster County surveyor, was "running" the theodolite. This instrument looks to the magnetic needle for its direction, and uses only forward sights. All accessory work of the Corps depends upon the "line" as laid down by the use of the instrument. The assistant manipulating this all-important device sets the stations as far ahead as sight will reach, then marks a point for succeeding departure, generally a large peg, and "moves up," the chainmen, flagmen, etc., waiting his coming. When, after sending his line across the creek, Scott labored up the opposite slope with his theodolite, he peered about as if seeking something lost. "Where is your point?" "Well, it was a large white stone; but I do not find it!" A general search for a large white stone ended in the conclusion that the white stone had been a white goose that had not stood fast for a "set up."

Closely following the crossing of the creek came the carrying the line up to Dillerville—then the question, How best to enter Lancaster? The chief directed: "Sight for the steeple of the Lutheran Church." And it will be seen to-day that the tangent from Dillerville eastward bears directly upon the church.

Among the features of the State Road railroading, a notable one was the "Section Boats." The railroad and the Pennsylvania Canal supplemented each other. The transshipment of freight from car to boat and vice versa, was an important and costly item of the business of transportation. To save this

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breaking of bulk, there was constructed at the Canal Basin, Columbia, an inclined railway leading into the canal. On this way, cars with sections of boats—three to each boat—coming from the Eastern terminus of the road—loaded, were lowered by machinery until they floated. When thus launched and coupled up, they once more became boats, and proceeded on their voyage Westward to Hollidaysburg, where they again took the rail, and, by a series of inclined planes, were carried to the summit of the Allegheny Mountains; thence, by like plains, descended the Western slope, to Johnstown, where they finally ceased to be land camels and took the water to Pittsburgh. On their eastward journey this process was reversed.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

Lancaster, January 5, 1917.

The annual meeting of the Lancaster County Historical Society was held in the rooms of the organization in the A. Herr Smith Memorial Library this evening, with a large attendance. Reports showed that the society is in a flourishing condition and has at present a membership of nearly four hundred. The newly-elected president, F. R. Diffenderffer, Litt.D., occupied the chair. The other officials inducted into office at this meeting were: Vice Presidents, Hon. Charles I. Landis and H. Frank Eshleman, Esq.; Recording Secretary, Charles B. Hollinger; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Martha B. Clark, and Treasurer, A. K. Hostetter.

The following executive committee was elected: Mrs. Sarah B. Carpenter, Mrs. Mary N. Robinson, D. F. Magee, Esq., George Steinman, D. B. Landis, George F. K. Erisman, L. B. Herr, J. L. Summy, Miss Daisy E. B. Grubb and I. C. Arnold, Esq. The selection of a librarian was postponed for the February meeting.

Five persons were elected to membership and seven nominations for membership were made. Those elected were J. Harry Rathfon, Miss Clementine Wisner and Miss Anna Shaub, all of Lancaster; Harry F. Stauffer, of near Ephrata, and Miss Emma Miller, of Elizabethtown. The nominees to be considered next meeting are: Prof. and Mrs. Frederick W. Prechtel, of Millersville; Mrs. James Spotts, of East Orange street; Amos K. Stauffer, of No. 851 East Orange street; Mrs. S. W. Downey, of College avenue; Daniel W. Dietrich, of No. 114 East Ross street, and Mrs. Agnes Techmeyer, of No. 30 North Prince street.

The annual report of Treasurer A. K. Hostetter showed that the finances of the society are in good shape. Secretary C. B. Hollinger reported the total membership of the organization as almost four hundred, eighty-nine of these having been added during 1916. He advocated the holding of a social session again this year, similar to the one held so very successfully at Hotel Brunswick last year.

The retiring librarian, Miss Lottie M. Bausman, made her annual report, in which she stated that ninety-one books were received during the past year, making the total number of volumes in the possession of the association at present 2,669. Valuable Indian relics and other fine curios were received during 1916. There was a greater use of the library books by members. There was a great deal of information furnished through the librarian, relating to historical matters, secured from the books of the society, to sister historical organizations and for individuals also, according to Miss Bausman.

The librarian's report for December was as follows:

Bound Volumes—The Philadelphia Assemblies, from Thomas Willing Balch, of Philadelphia; The Gratz Papers, from William Vincent Byars, of St. Louis; Massachusetts Historical Society—Proceedings (Vol. 49); Library of Congress (Annual Report); Water Supply Commission (Annual Report);

Secretary of Internal Affairs (Annual Report); Insurance Commissioner (Annual Report.)

Magazine and Pamphlets—University of California Publications in History (Vol. V.); American Catholic Historical Society—Records of; Menu of the Eighteenth Annual Dinner of the Pennsylvania Society of New York; Linden Hall Echo; The National Road, from Robert Bruce, of Clinton, N. Y.; Bulletin of the New York Public Library; Bulletin of the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh (two numbers); Bulletin of the Grand Rapids Public Library.

Special Donation—The Tickler—a paper published in Philadelphia, 1808-1810, from Miss Sarah Gearhart, Lock Haven.

A vote of thanks was extended the donors.

Corresponding Secretary Miss Martha B. Clark read an invitation for the twelfth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies, to convene on Thursday afternoon, January 18, in the rooms of the Dauphin County Historical Society, at Harrisburg.

Mrs. Mary N. Robinson suggested that the Lancaster County Historical Society give serious consideration to the securing of a specific, permanent home for themselves in the form of a suitable building, in case the time should come when the A. Herr Smith Library rooms are no longer available to them.

The paper of the evening was read by Judge Charles I. Landis. It was prepared by Prof. Oscar F. Kuhns, a native Lancaster countian, who is a instructor in the Wesleyan University. The subject was "The Home Land of the First Settlers in Lancaster County." It was exceedingly interesting, and dealt particularly with the vicinity of Berne, from which locality many of the local families immigrated two hundred years ago. Professor Kuhns stated that he has crossed the Atlantic to visit this section eight times, and that he has found hundreds of names there common among the people of Lancaster county. The paper contained a great deal of valuable specific data he gleaned from old church records dating back to the Fifteenth century.

The following amendments to the constitution of the Historical Society were proposed for action at the February meeting:

ARTICLE II.

Officers and Their Duties.

Amend Section 1 so as to read as follows:

The officers of the society shall consist of a president, two vice presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and librarian. These officers, together with ten additional members of the society, shall compose an executive committee. The officers and the executive committee shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the society on the first Friday after New Year in each year, and shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected. They shall be nominated at the December meeting in each year preceding their election.

Amend Section 6 so as to read as follows:

The librarian, together with the committee on library hereinafter constituted, shall have charge of the library, archives and collections of the society, and shall see that the same are preserved in good condition. The person holding such office shall keep a catalogue of the books, manuscripts and collections of the society, with a record of the names of the donors, and shall submit to the society, at its annual meeting in January, a report of the condition of the library, with suggestions for its improvement.

Section 7 shall be amended so as to read as follows:

The executive committee shall be vested with the general management of the business of the society. It shall see that all historical matter is arranged and catalogued, and shall present reports to the society at the monthly meetings. It shall also make all necessary arrangements to insure the interest of said meetings.

The president of the society shall be ex-officio chairman of this committee, and he shall, with two other members of the committee selected by him, constitute a committee on library.

Section 8 shall be added, as follows:

The president shall appoint, from the executive committee, a sub-committee of three members, to whom all papers read before the society shall be referred, and this sub-committee, after a careful examination of the same, shall report to the executive committee which of the papers so referred ought in their judgment to be printed in the reports of the society. Such recommendation shall be conclusive, unless otherwise ordered by the executive committee of the society.

In Memoriam

COL. SAMUEL C. WRIGHT.

A prominent member of the Lancaster County Historical Society, Colonel Samuel Wright, editor, historian and soldier, one of Columbia borough's best-known citizens, died at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening, March 7, 1916, at his home in that town. He was eighty-seven years old at the time of his death, and was a direct descendant of one of the founders of Columbia. His demise was due to a complication of diseases, following severe injuries sustained in a fall on the icy sidewalk. His hip was fractured and his condition rapidly became worse.

Colonel Wright contributed papers to the Historical Society on several occasions. One of these is in the current issue of the Society publication. He was the son of the late John L. and Annie Evans Wright. In the year 1857 he purchased the Columbia Spy and was the editor of that paper until the year 1863, when he entered the army. He was commissioned by the President as a captain and assistant adjutant general of U. S. volunteers. He was a member of the Philadelphia Commandery of the Loyal Legion. By profession he was a civil engineer and for several years was civil engineer of the borough of Columbia.

The deceased is survived by his wife, two sisters, Annie W., wife of James E. Mifflin, and Miss Mary Wright, of Columbia, also a brother, William Wright, of Conshohocken. With the death of Colonel Wright, three direct descendants of one of the founders of Columbia have passed away in a little more than a month. Miss Susan Wright died February 4th; Colonel John L. Wright died February 16th. Funeral services were private at his residence, No. 113 South Second street, Columbia, and were conducted by Rev. George F. G. Hoyt, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Columbia.

JAMES KELLY.

James Kelly, a member of the Lancaster County Historical Society, died on Wednesday morning, September 27, 1916, at his home, No. 121 North Duke street. He was born on February 4, 1831, and was a native of Churchtown. He was a son of the late Michael and Catharine Kelly. His father's estate included considerable land in that part of the city known as Rossmere from which estate he and his sister inherited. Mr. Kelly was a student at Franklin and Marshall. He was a man of unusual learning and wide reading. He lived retired most of his life and his extensive reading made him well versed on scientific subjects.

For many years Mr. Kelly lived at his North Duke street home with a sister, Catharine. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, from which the funeral was held the following Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery.

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LIBRARIAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Lancaster, Pa., January 5, 1917.

With the close of the year, 1916, another chapter of usefulness has been added to the credit of the library of this Society. The books have been used by a larger number of resident members than in previous years, showing that more interest is being taken in matters of history. It was noted in the report for 1915 that many queries were had from people in various parts of the United States. These calls are as numerous as ever, if not more so. On the other hand, the Society has received some nice gifts from people who are neither members of our Society or residents of our county. These are always very welcome because they come unasked and because it means getting back material relating to our history which in many cases would be lost to us. Hence we appreciate the thoughtfulness of our distant friends. Illustrating the point just mentioned is the gift of Dr. Nead, of Reading, who donated, through Mr. Diffenderfer, a valuable lot of pamphlets of the Revolutionary period. Miss Sarah Gearhart, of Lock Haven, sent to us a lot of our early newspapers, numbers we did not have, hence they were most acceptable. The last gift of special value was the "B. and M. Gratz—Merchants of Philadelphia, 1754-1759," volume from Mr. Byars, of St. Louis. The book contains so many letters written from Lancaster, many written to Lancaster, and much concerning Lancaster people which had not been published heretofore, that the book is especially valuable to this library. Many smaller donations were received, including books, pamphlets, newspapers, old books-imprints of Lancaster county, Indian arrow heads and a large assortment of curios. For all of these the Society is much indebted to the donors, as each in its line illustrates some phase of our history.

During the year we gave the A. Herr Smith Free Library 105 volumes of State reports. Owing to this fact our total number of books shows a decrease, which does not mean that the library is deteriorating. The historical side has been strengthened even though our purchase list is exceedingly small.

The total number of books in the library at present is 2,669. Of these, 91 were added during the year.

Number received by gift	80
Number bound by Society	9
Number acquired by purchase	2
Total	91

The individual expense account for the library is as follows:

Balance on hand January 1, 1916	\$13.78
Received from the Society March 7, 1916	25.00
Total	\$38.78
For stamps	\$3.75
For packages by mail	1.32
For books	4.50
For cleaning	2.40
To housekeeper	5.00
Sundries	4.07
Total	\$21.04
Balance on hand	\$17.74

LOTTIE M. BAUSMAN,
Librarian.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Lancaster, Pa., January 5, 1917.

To the Members of the Lancaster County Historical Society:

The outstanding feature of the past year's work of the Lancaster County Historical Society has been the remarkably large increase in membership. During the year eighty-nine new members were elected, making a record in this respect, and it was brought about by the activity of several of the members who have been doing splendid missionary work in acquainting our people with the work of the organization. Let us hope that the year just opened will witness a still larger increase in membership which will have the effect of further broadening the interest in the activities of the Society.

There were upwards of three hundred members on the roll at the beginning of 1916, and despite the deaths and withdrawals, the total roll will be well over the four hundred mark.

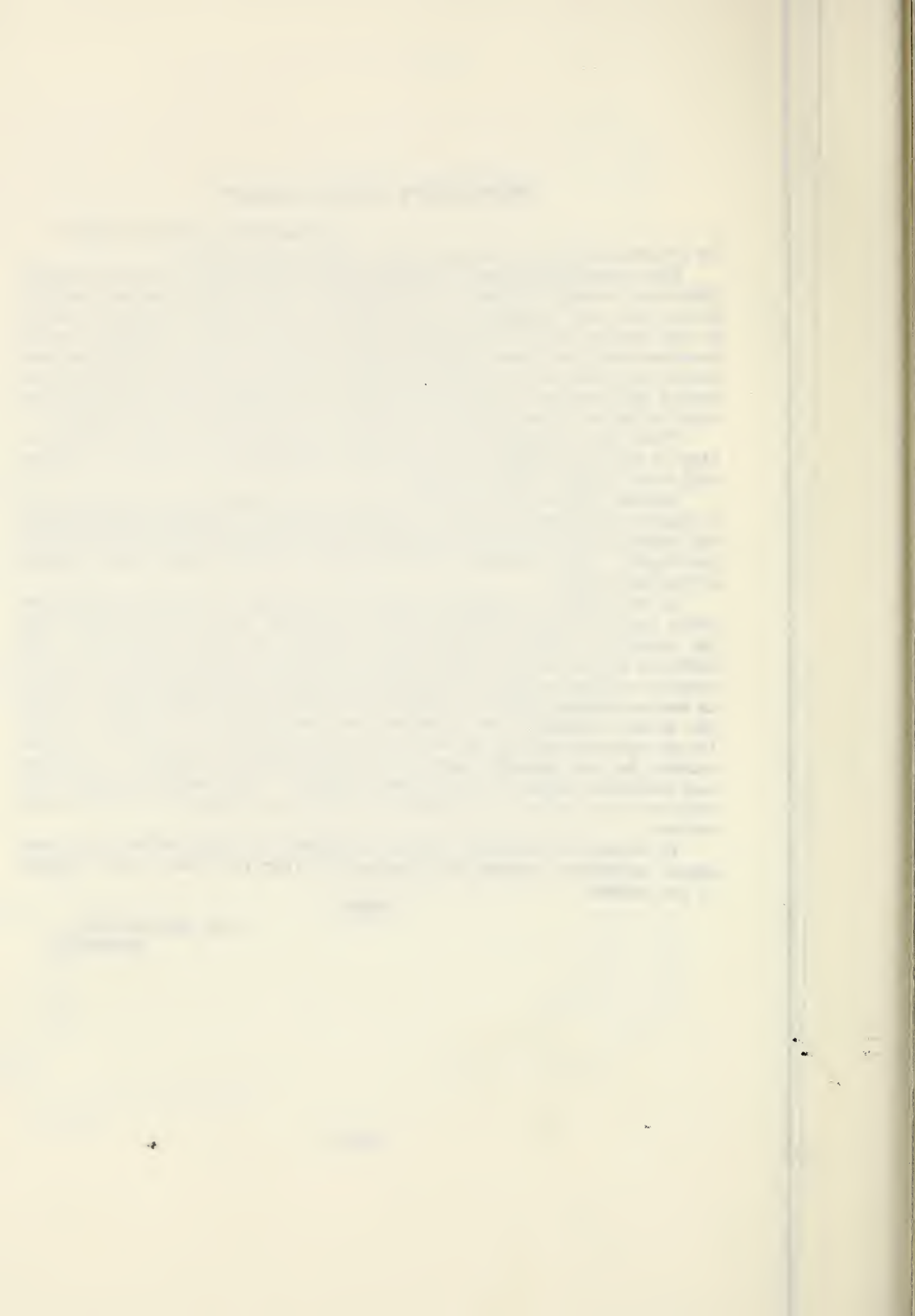
Another feature of the year was the very successful social function held in May at the Hotel Brunswick. It was attended by several hundred people and proved one of the most enjoyable and entertaining affairs ever held by the Society. The secretary hopes that these socials be made annual features of the year's work.

In the number of separate papers read during the year the society has fallen below the usual standard, but in the quality of the material presented, the twentieth volume will rank with the best we have ever issued. The series of papers on the Old Turnpike, which have been read before three meetings of the society by Judge Landis, will prove of inestimable value to us and no expense should be spared on the way of illustrations, etc., to make the several numbers as attractive and entertaining as possible. Judge Landis deserves high praise from the Society, and all interested in historical matters for the splendid work he has undertaken in compiling a complete and authentic history of the ancient highway. The series of papers will constitute the October, November and December numbers of the twentieth volume.

In closing the secretary wishes to express his appreciation of the generous assistance accorded him during the year from the several officers of the society.

Yours,

C. B. HOLLINGER,
Secretary.



TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Lancaster, Pa., January 1, 1917.

Report of the financial condition of the Lancaster County Historical Society of Lancaster, Pa., for the year ending December 31, 1916.

January 1, 1916, balance on hand	\$ 94.96
Amount received from County Treasurer	200.00
Amount received from dues and membership fees	402.00
Amount received from sale of pamphlets	32.00
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Amounts paid by the Treasurer for which orders were regularly drawn by the President and Secretary, and which orders are herewith submitted, are as follows, to wit:

For librarian's use	\$ 25.00
For printing	142.36
For mailing and dishing	46.54
For postage	3.26
For fire insurance	42.00
For State Federation dues	2.00
For books	5.00
For book-binding	10.45
For rent of rooms	70.00
For Hotel Brunswick (social meeting)	96.50
Balance on hand, January 1, 1917	285.85
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In addition to the above, the Treasurer submitted to us four certificates of deposit, issued by the Conestoga National Bank, bearing four per cent. interest, as follows: \$29.24, due January 8, 1917; \$233.97, due March 4, 1917; \$210.60, due July 18, 1917; \$31.63, due December 3, 1917. Total, \$505.44.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. HOSTETTER,
Treasurer.

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LANCASTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1917.

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THE HOMELAND OF THE FIRST SETTLERS IN LANCASTER COUNTY.

It was not without reason that I was glad when I received an invitation from Miss Clark to write a paper for the Lancaster County Historical Society. If anybody ought to be interested in her history, it is I. I was born in Columbia, in the same house in which my mother was born. Her father, John Brown, was for two successive terms High Constable of the borough. For two hundred years, every member of my family on both father's and mother's side have been born and raised in Lancaster itself, or in the country round about. Strasburg, Landisville, East Hempfield and other places. I am related to many of the well-known Lancaster county families, the Browns, Minichs, Groffs, Herrs, Hubberts and others. Although born in Columbia, I have spent most of my life in a New England college town, Middletown, Connecticut, the seat of the Wesleyan University. Although I am fond of New England and her people, yet I am proud of my native county, the Garden County of the United States. I am proud of my descent from her first settlers, who, two hundred years ago, came from Switzerland, the land of snowy mountains and green valleys, the home of the brave and the free. It was this ancestral pride that has led me to visit Switzerland so often. I have been there nine times. I have lived in every part of it. I love the whole country, but I love most of all the Cantons of Berne and Zurich, both for their charm and the fact that from these two cantons the first settlers of Lancaster County came, more than two hundred years ago. It is my purpose in this paper to say something about the places in these two Cantons, in which the different families had their origin.

It is not always easy to trace a family back to the particular place in Europe from which it came, but in the case of our own county this can be done in many cases. I have in my library a copy of the *Ausbund*, the official Hymn book of the Swiss Brethren, as they were called then, the term Mennonites only being applied to them later. This copy I have was published by Christopher Sauer, in Germantown, in 1751. There is an appendix to this edition, which contains "A True Account of the Brethren in Switzerland in the Canton of Zurich, and the tribulations which they suffered for the Gospel's sake, from the year 1633 to 1641." This appendix gives valuable information concerning certain well-known Lancaster families and where they came from. Among those who suffered persecution was Rudolph Egly, a citizen of the city of Zurich; Hans Meyli and his two sons, Hans Muller, of Uticken; Hans Ringer, Henry Frick, Rudolph Hagi, Stephen Zander, Dorothea Grobin, Catharine Mullerin, Heinrich Gut, Ottily Mullerin, Barbara Mylin, Barbara Kolbin—all from Klonauer Amt. From Wadenswil and Horgen are Peter Brubacher, Hans Landis, Jacob Rusterholz, Hans Huber, Conrad Strickler, Hans Rudolph Baumann, Oswald Landis, Veronica Ableny, Felix Landis, Rudolph Sommer, Hans Asper, Werner Pleister, Ulrich Schneider, Gally Schneider, Rudolph Bachmann.

From Gruningen are: Hans Jacob Heess, Hans Muller, Jacob Gochnauer, Jacob Egly, George Weber, Jacob Baumgartner, Ulrich Muller, Jacob Nussli, Catharina Forrerin, Burckhard Ammen, Elizabeth Hutzney, Heinrich Schnebely (Snavely).

The reader will at once recognize all these names as Lancaster County names, and the above mentioned Nachricht, or Account, is the highest importance to the Snavely, Miller, Gochenauer, Forrer, Kulp, Landis, Strickler, Bowman, Nissley and Brumgardner families of our county.

I have spent some time in the city of Zurich, have traveled along the delightful shores of the lake, and anyone has reason to be proud of his descent from the heroes and martyrs of Zurich nearly three hundred years ago. Herewith I shall send some illustrated postal cards of Horgen and Wadenswil, the chief places of interest to us. Horgen is a market town, nine miles from Zurich, on the southwest shore of the lake, and together with its suburbs, contains about three thousand inhabitants. The history of the castle, round which it grew, runs back nearly fifteen hundred years, and is given in the book on Horgen by Dr. Johann Strickler, a copy of which I have. Wadenswil is a large market town, almost a city, of between six and seven thousand inhabitants. Its location is one of the most beautiful in Switzerland, with the blue lake, the fertile fields and snow-crowned mountains in the distance. Its history goes back nearly one thousand years and is given in the book written by Johann Heinrich Kagi, entitled History of Wadenswil, published in 1867, a book which I have before me as I write these lines. It is of interest to the descendants of the Anabaptists of Wadenswil in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth centuries, to know that some still exist there and are declared by Kagi to be "peaceful, industrious and worthy people, who deserve all respect and consideration."

Before we leave the Canton of Zurich, a word or two should be said of a book written by Dr. A. B. Faust, of Cornell University, and published by the Carnegie Institute in Washington, D. C., entitled "Guide to Materials for American History in Swiss and Austrian Archives." Among the manuscripts he examined in Zurich was a list of the emigrants to Pennsylvania and Carolina between the years 1734-1744. This is a complete list of emigrants from every district of the Canton of Zurich during the period of the greatest migration to the American Colonies. Dr. Faust says: "It is invaluable for genealogical purposes and should be printed entire. During this decade the number of emigrants that came from the Zurich Gebiet and journeyed to the American Colonies was 2,310. The record made by the district Eglisau was 680. The country districts furnished more emigrants than the cities. Many names that have become familiar American family names are found in these lists, as Frick (Frick) from Knoau "also from Aargau, migrating to Carolina in 1739." Professor Faust is doing all he can to get this list copied and published. Of all people in the country, those of Lancaster County ought to be vitally interested in the publishing of this list, for, undoubtedly, it will throw light on all the particular towns or villages from which the Hersheys, Stricklers, Millers, Gochnours, Bowmans and others, came two hundred years ago.

But the place in Switzerland that is of chief interest for Lancaster County is the Canton of Berne. From here came most of our early settlers, and to-day the traveler in Berne can see on all sides the old familiar names. I have visited and spent weeks in Berne a half a dozen times. Only two years and a half ago I was caught by the present war in the little valley of Lauterbrunnen, at the foot of the Jungfrau and the other snow-crowned mountains of the Bernese Oberland, and when we tried to get out of the

country we were held up in the city of Berne itself. I remember walking through the streets on market day, when the farmers from the surrounding country came in with their wares. They had little booths with the names of the owners on the top, and I could read the names of Aeschlimann and many others equally well known.

But the larger number of Lancaster settlers came, not from the city of Berne itself, but from the little towns and villages round about. The chief place of interest is the beautiful valley of the Emmenthal, with the river Emme flowing between green hills and by the flourishing villages of Langnau, Sumiswald, Lutzenfluh and others. This valley is the ancestral homeland of thousands of our Lancaster County citizens, and they have indeed reason to be proud thereof. There is a book written by the pastor of the Reformed Church in Langnau, on the Bernische Taufer, the Bernese Baptists, in which he gives the causes that led to the emigration from Emmenthal to America, two hundred years ago. It was the desire for religious freedom in their case, just as much as in the case of the Puritans that led them to leave the green fields and snowy mountains of their native land and face the perils and dangers of a journey across the sea to the unknown land on the other side. These early emigrants from the Emmenthal were Taufer, or Baptists, as they called themselves. The name Mennonite comes from a Dutch priest, Menno, and was never applied to these people in Switzerland. I remember a most delightful visit I made some years ago to Pastor Muller, in Langnau, which is one of the most beautiful and prosperous towns I have ever seen. It is about twenty miles from Berne and has between seven and eight thousand inhabitants, who are engaged in farming, cattle raising, cheese making and linen manufacture. The Emmenthal cheese is famous and is exported even to foreign lands. It is interesting that they have also flourishing tobacco factories. Langnau has two printing establishments, one private and two public schools in the village itself, besides eight other schools in the parish, which stretches to some distance around it, and in which a number of Baptists or Mennonites still exist. The church runs back to the year 1294; the present building was constructed in 1672. The history of the town itself goes back over one thousand years, for we find a mention of it in the year 850. It was a beautiful October day when I took the train at Berne for Langnau. On my arrival I was met by Pastor Muller, who took me to his house, where we had dinner. His house was a large Swiss chalet, full of old carved furniture. After dinner, which consisted entirely of bean soup and bread and butter, he took me to the church, the town hall, where the records are kept, and also to the homes of some of the people. It was one of the most delightful afternoons I have ever spent. In the town hall I went over the old records and found on every page names familiar to me, names in the different branches of my own family, as well as those of other Lancaster County families. Like all church records in Switzerland, these at Langnau began in 1555. In 1556 I found under those baptized the names of Aeschlimann, Breckbuhl (Brackbill), Schumacher, Zurcher and Neuenschwand (Newswanger). In the immediately following years I found, beside the above, the names of Baumann, Boss, Buhler, Egli, Bichsel, Haldiman, Long, Kundig, Oberli, Zoug (Zook), Stram, Krayenbuhl (Grabill), Gutt, Funkuser, Leemann, Burki, Baumgartner and Longenegger.

All these families did not live in the village of Langnau alone, but in the little places in the country round about; for Langnau is the seat of the parish church and people came in from all parts of the parish to get married and to have their children baptized by the village pastor. Hence, the Lancaster County man who wishes to trace his family to the original spot in the

Emmenthal must know from what particular village they came. In Muller's Bernischen Taufer we have a valuable help in this matter. In his chapter of the enforced emigration of the Bernese Taufer (Quakers or Mennonites) in 1711, he gives the list of the names of those on the different boats that took them down the Rhine, as well as the particular place from which they came. In the ship which took the inhabitants of the Emmenthal, we find that Peter Gerber and his wife, Verena Aeschlimann, Hans Burki and Hans Wisler were from Langnau.

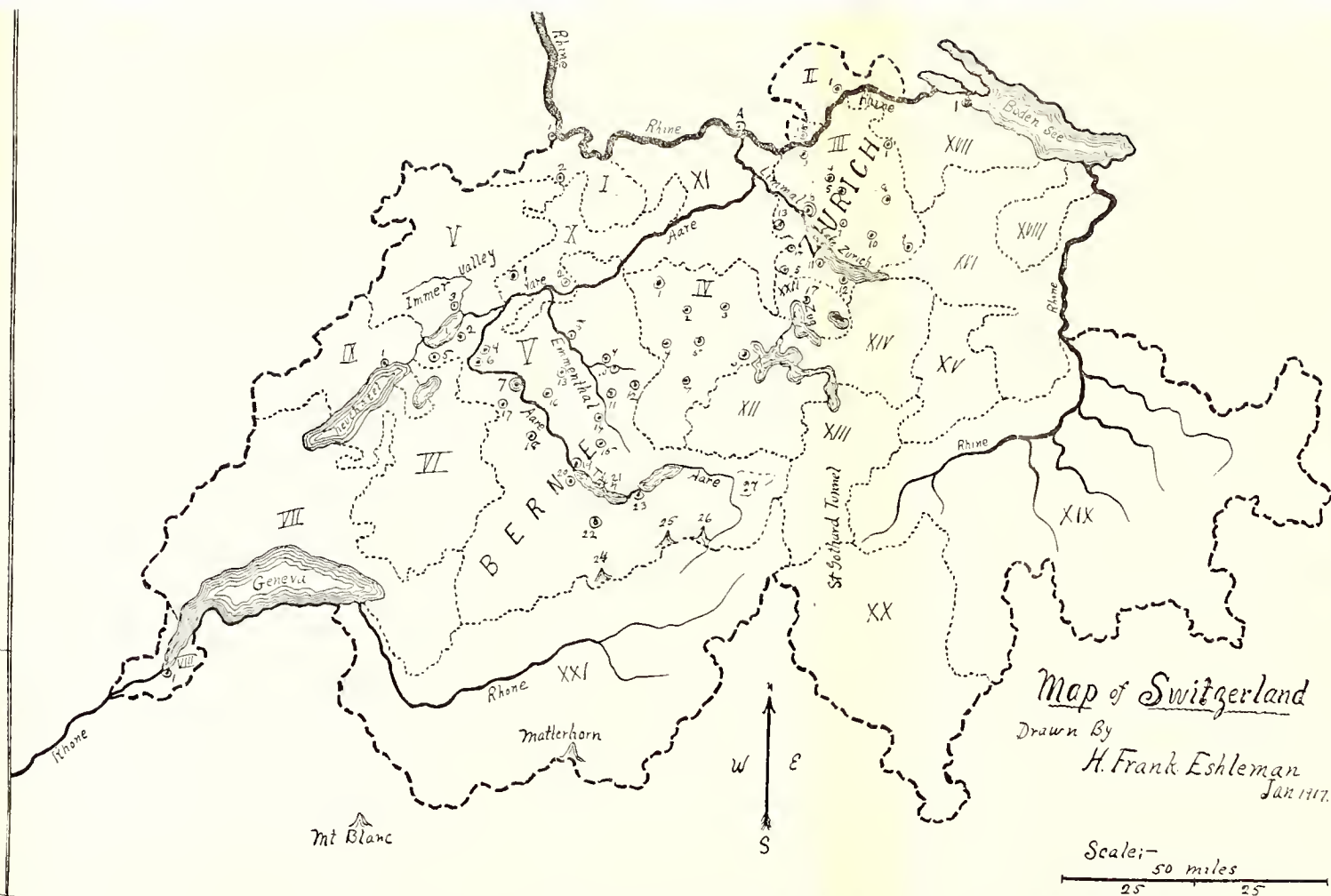
Ulric Beer, Niklaus Baumgartner, Hans Schellenberger and his wife, Elsbeth Neuenschwander, were from Trub, a village of some twenty-five hundred inhabitants; Hans Fluckinger, from Lutzelfluh, on the river Emme, with about thirty-five hundred inhabitants; Ulrich Schurch (Sherrick) and Christian Brand, from Sumiswald, a larger village of nearly 6,000 inhabitants, on the main road from Berne to Lucerne, famous to-day for its manufacture of clocks. Other ships bore emigrants from other parts of the Canton Berne, beside the Emmenthal. Thus on the Oberlander ship we have names of emigrants from Frutigen, a large market town on the road from Thun, over the Gemmi Pass, in which I distinctly remember passing a pleasant night, in the course of a walking tour through Switzerland, a number of years ago. Others came from Spiez and Thun, both on the Lake of Thun. On the Neuchatel ship were people from Diessbach, Oberhofen, Reutigen and Schwarzenburg. This latter place recalls the pleasantest memories to me of a visit I made eight years ago. I copy here some notes I made of this visit. It was August 24, 1903. All around me lay a perfectly beautiful country with quaint old houses and barns, the latter built on hill-side like the Lancaster County Swiss barns. Each house had its pile of wood around it, and its pile of manure; but it also had flowers in the windows and in the garden. As I walked through the streets, the little children would look up and say, "Gruss" (Hello). The day was cool, bright and clear. The sun shone pleasantly on the weather-beaten chalets and the white schloss, or castle around which the little village grouped itself. All around was green grass, running water, women working in the garden, children playing in the street. The flowers in the windows or in the garden, red, yellow and purple, stood out brightly against the weather-beaten wood of the chalets. The whole neighborhood was utterly free from tourists; it was a glimpse of primitive Swiss life in the days of our ancestors, two hundred years ago. If ever God made a fair country it is Schwarzenburg. High up above the sea, with the air fresh and pure, with rolling hills and valley, green fields and pastures and on the distant horizon the snowy mountains of the Canton de Vaud. A woman showed me the "Waag" to the church on the top of a hill, from which I enjoyed a beautiful view all around. I went into the church yard and read the old familiar names of Egli, Trachsel, Rohrbach, Wenger and Bigler.

I do not think I ever saw a more variedly beautiful landscape, with valleys and hills and amphitheatres scattered all around it. The hill on which the church stands is an isolated one, with a wide view on all sides; the green of the pastures is varied with the gold of the harvest, where men and women are working in the fields. The houses are picturesque, with red tiles on the roof. And as I gazed I could hear the sound of scythes being sharpened, the bells of the church struck out the hour, while groups of little children were playing and shouting in the distance.

In concluding this paper it has occurred to me that it would not be without profit to some of the members of the society, if I should add a few notes concerning the history of some of the families in Berne and Zurich, which bear the same name as those in Lancaster County. Some may possibly find



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 (7), Langnau, Bucl (2), Bienne Lake (1), Diesbach (4), Frutigen
 (22), Finster, Signau (15), Stettin (16), Sumis-Wald (9), Thun
 (19), Trub, Neuchatel (1). X, Zolothurn—Aesch (2), Solo-
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KEY TO MAP OF SWITZERLAND.

Roman figures indicate cantons; Arabic figures indicate cities, etc. I, Basel—Aesch (2), Basel (1). II, Schaffhausen—Schaffhausen (1). III, Zurich—Altikon (1), Altenberg (4), Alstetten (13), Altenbach (14), Eggen (2 and 16), Glatfellen (3), Gruchingen (10), Hongg (5), Horgen (11), Kappel (15), Wald (9), Wattenwyl (12), Zell (8), Zollikon (7), Walchut (A), Zurich (6), Zug (17). IV, Luzern—Hasli (7), Langnau (1), Luzern (6), Neudorf (3), Oberkirch (2), Wangen (5), Zell (4). V, Bern—Affalter (6), Bern (7), Bergdorf (8), Biel (3), Briethorn (24), Buel (2), Bieme Lake (1), Dinsbach (4), Frutigen (22), Piuster Aarhorn (26), Hasli Thal (27), Interlaken (23), Jungfrau (25), Longnau (11), Loupervyl (14), Lutzelshaus (13), Oberhofen (21), Ruitigen (20), Signau (15), Stettin (16), Sumis-Wald (9), Thun (19), Trub (12), Trachselwald (10), Walperswyl (5), Wangen (17), Wattenwyl (17). VI, Fribourg. VII, Vaud. VIII, Geneva—Geneva (1). IX, Neuchâtel—Neuchâtel (1). X, Zolothurn—Aesch (2), Solothurn (1). XI, Aargau. XII, Unterwalden. XIII, Uri. XIV, Schwyz. XV, Glarus. XVI, St. Gallen. XVII, Thurgau—Constance (1). XVIII, Appenzel. XIX, Gressons. XX, Tessin. XXI, Valais. XXII, Zug—Zug (17).

therein a hint which may well lead them to some connection between the families here and in Switzerland. While I was in Berne and Zurich I frequented the town archives and found much material along the lines of genealogy. One of the most important books on this subject is *Allgemeines Helvetisches oder Schweizerisches Lexicon*, by Leu. in a number of volumes, published in Zurich, 1750. It contains the genealogy of the chief families of the various cantons of Switzerland from the earliest times. Lancaster County people will find a rich mine of information therein. A copy of this book is in Harvard University, and I think there is a copy in the library of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, in Philadelphia. Among the families given I found the following names: Kunz (Bern, Solothurn and St. Gall); Munch (Minnich). (1. an old family of Zurich, going back to Werner Munch, 1253. 2. An old noble family of Basel, beginning with Hug, 1202. 3. A family in the city of Solothurn).

A number of Graf families are given in Zurich, Berne, Appenzell, Basel, Luzerne and Uri. A number of Landises are also given in the various cantons. Among them is Hans Landis, of Wadenswil, an Anabaptist. But enough has been said to show the immense value of Leu's Lexicon for Lancaster County genealogy.

Other valuable aids I found in manuscript. One of these was a list of the coats of arms of various families. Among the Zurich families I found, and made a rude sketch of, the Frolich (Fraley), Braun and Munch coats of arms. In the Canton of Berne I found coats of arms of the Baer, Braun, Brunner, Forer, Muller, Nageli, Wolf and Ziegler families.

The Graf family, of Berne, is of French origin, and was originally named Lecompte, from Etaples, Pas de Calais, France.

Another book giving coats of arms is Gatschet's *Wappenbuch*, illustrated in colors. Here I found the arms of the following families.

Herr:

1. Of the Canton of Glarus, representing a deer leaping between two stars; the field is blue, the deer and stars are white.
2. Of Reinthal, showing three ears of wheat in yellow.
3. Of Canton Schwytz.
4. Of Canton Zug.

A list of Zurich families with coats of arms, given by Gatschet, includes the following names:

Brugbacher, Her (going back to 1429), Graaft (1344), Grebel (old nobility), Hager, Hofstetter, Huber, Kagi, Kundig.

In many cases the name itself tells the original spot from which the family came. In 'Pastor Imobersteg's valuable book, entitled "The Emmenthal, Its History, Land and People," he devotes one chapter to the *geschlechter* or families of the Emmenthal, in which he discusses the origin of the different names. He shows how, away back in the beginning, the Brechbuhls (Brackbill), came from a little place of the same name, in the parish of Eriswyl; the Fluckigers came from Fluckigen, in the Parish of Rohrbach; Aeschlimann from Aeschlen, in the Parish of Diessbach; Eichelberger, from Eichelberg, in the Parish of Lutzelfuh; Zurcher, from Zurich; Neuenschwander (News-wanger), from Neuenschwand (in the Parish of Eggiwyl; Krayenbuhl (Gray-bill), from Krayenbuhl, in the Parish of Hochstetten; Fankhauser, from Fankhaus, in the Parish of Trub; Ruegsegger (Ricksecker), from Ruegsegg, in the Parish of Rottenbach. I send herewith a map, in which all these places can be identified. It may be I have been too personal in discussing these places in Switzerland from which our ancestors came, but I cannot help giving a little expression to my feeling of pride in this far-away homeland of my

fathers. Whatever may be the outcome of the present war, two things are certain, Belgium will go down in history as the greatest example of an heroic people in modern times; while Switzerland will be equally known as the Nation who did her best to take care of the sick and wounded, the starving and helpless among her unhappy neighbors. I was in Berne when the war broke out, and I had ample opportunity to see how this spirit of kindness permeated the whole people. As one Swiss lady wrote us after we got home: "We are so happy to think we can help others in this time of suffering." Many people are anxious to trace their ancestry back to noble or even royal families. Enough for us to trace the history of Lancaster county families back to the simple, upright, kind-hearted, sturdy and brave, God-fearing people of that land of snowy mountains and green valleys.

Where the white mists forever
Are spread and unfurled,
In the stir of the forces
Whence issued the world.

SOME OLDTIME LANCASTER PORTRAITS OF WASHINGTON

Some old-time pictures of Washington are still owned in this city, and others that formerly belonged here have been either taken away or sold by their owners. It is said that two of the latter class were painted by Gilbert Stuart, one of which was originally owned by General Edward Hand, and the other by Alexander Scott. The authenticity of these two pictures and several more that I have seen may prove worth pursuing the search.

It is hardly necessary to state that General Edward Hand occupied a foremost figure in Lancaster Borough and County during revolutionary days, and that even up to the time of his death he was one of our foremost citizens. He had been a close friend of Washington's and had occupied the position of Adjutant General of the Continental Army. He was a member of the Court Martial that tried Major John Andre. It was, therefore, natural that he should have a portrait of his distinguished friend, and, as a matter of fact, the evidence which I shall present to you is conclusive upon the point that he did have one. Whether or not it was a Stuart is not entirely clear. But I will give you the facts as I have found them relating to both the Hand and the Scott pictures, and you may determine the question for yourselves.

General Hand died in the then Borough of Lancaster on September 2, 1802, intestate. He left surviving him a widow, whose single name was Katharine Ewing, and six children, namely: (1) Sarah, married to Samuel Bethel, of Columbia, born December 8, 1775; (2) Dorothy, wife of Edward Brien, born November 26, 1777; (3) John, born in March, 1782; (4) Jasper, born in 1784; (5) Mary, born in 1786; (6) Edward, born in 1792. Letters of administration on his estate were granted on October 7, 1802, to his widow, Katharine Hand, and Charles Smith. An inventory of the personal property was only filed by them on February 22, 1805. Included in it is the following item: "Portrait of General Washington, Gilt Frame, £3 15s." After enumerating a number of household effects and articles of vertu, amounting to £764 16s 9 p., an entry was made in the inventory: "The above articles were kept for the use of the family." On March 25, 1805, the two administrators presented their petition to the Orphans' Court and obtained an order for the sale of a farm in Bart Township. In this petition it was stated that the decedent's personal estate, as per inventory, amounted to £764, 16s. 9p., and his debts to £4,257, 6s. 10p. On June 22, 1805, after this property was sold but before the order was returned, Mrs. Hand died, and the return was made by Charles Smith as the surviving administrator. On November 14, 1805, Samuel Bethel and Edward Brien were, on petition of Charles Smith, added as administrators. On November 20, 1806, these three administrators applied for an order to sell the Rockford farm of 160 acres, lying along the east bank of the Conestoga

Creek; but this proceeding, for some reason or other, was not pursued. In the meantime, on November 15, 1805, the following advertisement appeared in the Lancaster Journal: "To be sold by public vendue, at farm of Gen. Edward Hand, in Lampeter Twp., one mile from the Borough of Lancaster, on Saturday, the 23rd of November inst.: Wheat, rye, Indian corn, oats, hay and potatoes; horses and cows, sheep of the Barbary breed, a good carriage and one horse chair with harness, beds and bedding, carpets, looking glass, chairs and tables, three Franklin and one ten plate stoves, an eight day clock, with a variety of household and kitchen furniture." The personal property was, therefore, not retained after this date "for the use of the family," but was sold at this sale, and while in the advertisement the Washington portrait is not specifically mentioned, it may perhaps have been disposed of along with the other personal assets of the deceased. No account was ever filed in the estate.

On November 16, 1807, Jasper Hand, who was a physician, deeded his interest in his father's real and personal estate to his brother-in-law, Edward Brien, and he afterwards moved to the State of Ohio, where he died. On July 14, 1810, Samuel Bethel and wife, Edward Brien and wife, and Mary Hand, deeded their interests in the Rockford farm to William Montgomery, the father of John R. Montgomery, afterwards a very prominent attorney at the Lancaster Bar. On February 5, 1813, Edward Hand deeded his interest in Rockford to William Montgomery, and on February 13, 1813, he transferred all his interest in his father's estate to Edward Brien. On February 9, 1814, Mary Hand transferred to Edward Brien all her interest in her father's estate, and in like manner, on June 29, 1814, Samuel Bethel and wife executed a similar transfer. By these conveyances, the whole of the estate became vested in Edward Brien, and, of course, it was not necessary to file accounts nor obtain releases. John Hand had, in 1807, died intestate, unmarried and without issue.

Edward Brien died on June 26, 1816. His will was proven before the Register of this county on July 13, 1816. By it he gave to his sister-in-law, Mary Hand, \$1,000, and to each of his brothers-in-law, Edward Hand and Jasper Hand, the same sum. He gave to his wife \$1,200 a year during life, and left the residue of his estate to his three children, Edward Hand Brien, Sarah Bethel Brien, wife of Henry Rogers, born Sept. 20, 1810, and Henry William Brien. An inventory of his estate was filed by his executors on August 10, 1816. The first item appearing in this inventory is: "One portrait of Washington, \$15." No account was filed in this estate, but releases were executed by all parties in interest, which set forth that full statements had been rendered, and that every one was satisfied as to their correctness, and they, therefore, waived the filing of an account.

Edward Hand Brien died in Lancaster on June 27, 1834, leaving his estate to his mother for life, and providing that, after her death, \$10,000 should go to his aunt, Mary Hand, and the balance should be held by Dr John L. Atlee during the life of Sarah Bethel Rogers, and, after her death, should be distributed among Mrs. Rogers' children. Mrs. Dorothy Brien died on August 21, 1862, and likewise gave her estate to Mrs. Rogers for life and after her death to Mrs. Rogers' children. Mrs. Rogers died on February 13, 1886. Her husband, Henry Rogers, was at that time deceased.

Henry Rogers and Sarah Bethel Brien Rogers had six children, namely: (1) Anna Russum Rogers; (2) Sarah Hand Rogers; (3) Catharine Brien Rogers; (4) Mary Hand Rogers; (5) Harriet Dorothea Rogers; (6) Edwin Brien Rogers. Anna Russum Rogers married Edward Reilly Esq. He was a member of the Lancaster Bar. Mrs. Reilly and her family left Lancaster about 1873 and moved to New Haven, Connecticut. Her husband subsequently

died. Mrs. Reilly is yet living in Trenton, N. J. Mrs. Brien and Mrs. Rogers, when both were widows, lived on East King Street, where the house of Andrew B. Rote is now located. Mr. and Mrs. Reilly built the house No. 231 East King Street, now occupied by Dr. Harry M. Sultzbach, and she and her family lived there until they moved away from this city. My father lived, and I was born at 232 East King Street, just across the street, and I quite well recall Mr. and Mrs. Reilly and their family.

There was a portrait of Washington in the family of Mrs. Brien and Mrs. Rogers that finally came into the possession of Mrs. Reilly. She sold it to Charles Allen Munn, of the City of New York, who is connected with the Scientific American.

In Mr. Stuart's "List of Gentlemen Who Are to Have Portraits of the Presidents of the United States," as set forth in Mason's "Life of Gilbert Stuart," at page 85, the following is to be found: "—Scott, of Lancaster." This undoubtedly was Alexander Scott. He moved from Donegal to Lancaster Borough and was a man of prominence here for a number of years. He represented the county in the Legislature in 1797-8-9 and 1800. He was married to Mary Slough, daughter of Col. Matthias Slough. He died on March 21, 1810, and was buried in St. James' Churchyard. He lived on South Queen Street, in a house owned by William Webb, and he was what we would now call a real estate agent. He had his office in the book store of Joseph Clendennin, on East King Street, two doors west of Slaymaker's Inn. In the Lancaster Journal of March 24, 1810, the following funeral notice appeared: "On Wednesday morning last, in the 47th year of his age, Alexander Scott, Esq., of the Borough of Lancaster. Yesterday his remains were deposited in the burial ground of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Scott was so well known that his character can acquire no lustre from a newspaper panegyric. In the several public stations in which he had been placed, he always evinced a strong and penetrating mind, devoted to the public good. In private life, he was amiable and agreeable. His generosity and benevolence of heart was unbounded. He was an affectionate husband, a tender parent, a good master, and an obliging neighbor." In the next week's Journal, there was an advertisement, signed by Mrs. Scott, as executrix, requesting all persons interested to call on Mr. Clendennin for their papers, and notice was also given that Mr. Clendennin would continue the business. By his will, Mr. Scott left all his estate to his widow. She must have very shortly thereafter moved from the Webb property, for there is an advertisement by Mr. Webb in the Journal of March 31, 1810, offering for rent his house in South Queen Street, lately occupied by Alexander Scott. Until the early part of 1812, Mrs. Scott remained in Lancaster; for, during the latter part of 1811 and for a few months in 1812 she offered in the Journal a reward of ten dollars for the apprehension of a servant girl who had run away from her home. Her father, Matthias Slough, moved to Harrisburg in the spring of 1812, and he did there on September 12, 1812. His body was brought to Lancaster, and it was buried in Saint James' Churchyard. This appears from a funeral notice in the Journal of Friday, September 18, 1812, as follows:

"Died at Harrisburg early on Saturday, the 12th inst., Matthias Slough, Esq., aged seventy-nine years, and on Sunday afternoon his remains were interred in the burying ground of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Lancaster, attended by a great number of its citizens, with whom were joined many respectable inhabitants of Harrisburg, where the deceased had resided a few months prior to the time of his death. Mr. Slough was born in the vicinity of Lancaster, of which he was a resident almost four score years, being nearly coeval with that ancient inland town. In the course of a long and active life,

he acquired and merited the esteem of his fellow countrymen. Before the American revolution, he served as one of the representatives in the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and both during the war and after the restoration of peace he filled with reputation several military and civil offices under the government of his country. In short, Mr. Slough was a worthy man and an useful citizen. He left as few enemies as most men, if indeed he had any, and very few who lived so long were more generally esteemed in this life."

Mrs. Mary Gibson Slough, his wife, also died in Harrisburg, on May 26, 1814. An advertisement in the Pennsylvania Republican of May 31 states that she died very suddenly; that she was in the seventy-seventh year of her age, and that her remains were removed to Lancaster and interred by the side of those of her deceased husband. Funeral notices concerning Col. Slough also appeared in Poulsen's American Advertiser, in Philadelphia, and the Pennsylvania Republican, in Harrisburg, and concerning Mrs. Slough, in the Lancaster Journal. The disputed question, therefore, as to where Col. Slough and his wife were buried, is thus conclusively settled.

Mrs. Scott likely removed to Harrisburg with her father and mother. She there opened a dry goods store. On April 5, 1814, she offered her stock of store goods for sale, and on June 21, 1814, which it will be observed was shortly after her mother's death, she sold them and also her household and kitchen furniture at public sale. On October 16, 1814, she became the third wife of Governor Simon Snyder. They were married by Rev. F. C. Schaeffer, and the notice of the marriage gives Harrisburg as the place of residence of the bride. She died in that city on October 8, 1823. She left a will, in which she bequeathed her estate chiefly to her sister, Elizabeth Clendennin, and her brother-in-law, James Peacock, and appointed them her executors. No inventory was ever filed by them, but there was an account and a distribution, neither of which, however, made any reference to a portrait of Washington. Eugene Snyder, Esq., of the City of Harrisburg, who is a grandson of Governor Snyder by his first wife, informs me that he never heard of such a portrait in the family. There was no inventory nor account filed in this county in the Alexander Scott estate. The Slough family and the Hand family were intimate. I have been told that Mary Slough, afterward Mary Scott and Mary Snyder, was the God-mother of Mary Hand, the daughter of General Hand. As this Mary Slough, however, was then only 17 years old, the probability is that it was her mother, Mary Gibson Slough.

Now, Mrs. Reilly writes to me that the Washington picture, which she had and which she sold to Mr. Munn, came from Mr. Scott, it having been purchased in 1805 by Edward Brien at the sale of Mr. Scott's property, after his death. It is apparent that she is in error as to when the portrait was purchased, if it was purchased after Mr. Scott's death, because, as we have before stated, he died on March 21, 1810. This, however, is a minor detail, as mistakes in dates are more than likely to happen, when resting upon recollection of by-gone events. I have examined to see whether there was any public sale notice of the Scott effects in this town, but I have so far been unable to find any. However, a sale may have been had without a newspaper notice, or the picture may have been sold at a private sale to Mr. Brien before Mr. Scott's widow left Lancaster, or even after she left and before she married Governor Snyder. At first, it seemed to me that this picture was the one coming from Edward Hand; but Mrs. Reilly is a truthful woman, and she would have no reason for stating that it was the Scott picture if it in fact came from General Hand. A picture from General Hand would likely have more value than one coming from Mr. Scott. Mrs. Reilly states that, after her grandfather, Edward Brien's death, her grandmother, Dorothy Brien, received the picture from her

husband; that her mother, Mrs. Rogers, owned it next, and that she sold it to Edward Reilly, Mrs. Reilly's husband, and that he gave it to her; that it was in the house from the time she was born in 1829. Miss Mary Hand, who was Mrs. Reilly's great aunt, moved with Mrs. Reilly to New Haven, Connecticut, and lived in her family there until her death, which occurred in 1879. Miss Hand died in the 95th year of her age and Mrs. Bethel lived in Lancaster or Columbia. Mrs. Reilly was, therefore, in contact with persons who were likely to know the history of the picture, and there is no reason to think that she has not told the true story of it. In addition, the picture has been exhibited at times as a Gilbert Stuart at the Union League in Philadelphia, in A. T. Stewart's Gallery in New York, at the New Haven Art School, and other public places, and it has been examined by experts, among whom was Charles Henry Hart, formerly of the City of Philadelphia, now living in New York. It has been pronounced by them as a genuine Stuart. (See article by Charles Henry Hart in New York Sun of January 21, 1917.)

Some years ago, a picture was sold by Edward R. Zahm, of this city, to Charles H. Barr, for Capt. J. K. Barr, of Philadelphia. This picture was purchased by Mr. Henry T. Coates, and it now belongs to the Alexander Smith Cochran collection at Manor House, Yonkers, New York. Mr. Hart asserts that this picture is also a Stuart's Washington. The story is told that Matthias Zahm purchased the same at the Hand sale. I have been unable to secure any proof to substantiate this claim. It is stated in Harris' Biographical History of Lancaster County that Matthias Zahm was born on August 17, 1789, so that he was only sixteen years old at the time of the Hand sale. He could hardly have been an auctioneer, as has been claimed, at that early period of his life. He left some old diaries, some of which are in German. Some of them are scattered among three or four of his descendants, from whom I have not been able so far to obtain them and many of them were intentionally destroyed by one of his descendants. I have also endeavored to ascertain the period they cover, but without success. They might throw some light upon the question, if carefully examined, though the certainty of such result is very remote.

These, however, are the facts in regard to these two pictures up to the present date. Perhaps something will develop to make the identity more certain. I have introduced herein a good deal of genealogy, which is generally somewhat foreign to such a discussion; but my thought is that the surroundings may help to throw some light upon the possibilities or the probabilities of the situation.

There is a portrait of Washington owned by Miss Margaret K. Heinitsh, of this city. This picture was shown at the Portrait Exhibition held here in 1912. It is a bust facing left and is in size 23x28½ in. On the back of it are the letters "H. B." and "1796." It was purchased by John Frederick Heinitsh in 1824, and it has been in the family ever since. Mr. Heinitsh was born in this city on May 30, 1792, and he died here in December, 1858. He married Susan Hager, a sister of Christopher Hager. He was a druggist, and his place of business was where the present Heinitsh drug store is located, in the first block of East King Street. It is not known where he purchased it. It is an excellent portrait. I have been informed that the only artist with these initials who in that early time is likely to have painted such a picture was Henry Bembridge. This painter was born in Philadelphia, somewhere between 1740 and 1750, of wealthy parents. While yet a youth, he painted the panels of a room in his father's house with historical designs, and his skill then attracted attention. He went to Rome in 1770, and studied art under Pompeo Battoni and Mengs, who were then the two leading painters in that city. About 1774,

he returned to America and settled in Charleston, S. C. Subsequently, he came back to Philadelphia and married a Miss Sage. Several small pictures of Commodore Truxton and his family and a picture of Benjamin Franklin are said to have been painted by him. William Dunlap, in his "History of the Rise and Progress of the Arts of Design in the United States," says that Bembridge died in Philadelphia about 1820 "in obscurity and poverty." Of course, the letters "H. B." may not be the initials of the painter, but may refer to one of the former owners. The work of Bembridge is fairly well known to some experts; but I have not had the opportunity to have any such examine this portrait. The probability is that this picture is by a competent artist after Gilbert Stuart.

There is a beautiful painting of Washington owned by Miss Anna M. Deaner, of this city. It is small in size, about 12 inches x 18 inches, and it is painted on a peculiar kind of canvas and faces to the left. It is said to be by Rembrandt Peale. The name of the grandfather of Miss Deaner was Frederick Herbert Nenninger. He was born in Germany, and was married in that country to Anna Lutz. Together they emigrated to America about 1820, and they lived for a number of years in the City of Baltimore. Afterwards, they moved to Cumberland County, in this State, about twelve miles from Carlisle. They lived there on a farm which Mr. Nenninger owned, and their winters, towards the latter part of their lives, were spent in this city, with their daughter, Mrs. Anna C. Deaner, the wife of the late John Deaner. When Mrs. Nenninger died, which was during the Civil War, she requested that this picture should go to her daughter, Mrs. Anna C. Deaner, during her life, and at her death, to her granddaughter, Miss Anna M. Deaner, and this disposition was accordingly made of it. That is the way it came to its present possessor. Rembrandt Peale, the son of Charles Wilson Peale, was born in Bucks County, on February 22, 1778, and he died in Philadelphia on October 3, 1860. Washington sat for him in September, 1795, when the painter was not yet of age, and also, it is claimed, on several other occasions. He painted in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and the other large cities of this country. It was, therefore, possible for Mr. Nenninger to have obtained a portrait by him. I am told that a number of art critics, who have seen this picture, have pronounced it to be a genuine Rembrandt Peale.

Mr. George Steinman also has a very good picture of Washington. It is a copy of Gilbert Stuart's Marquis of Lansdowne portrait. It is a full sized picture, which faces to the left. It was painted by Bass Otis. This artist was born in New England in 1784, and he died in Philadelphia on November 3, 1861. In 1808, he painted in New York, and in 1812 he settled as a portrait painter in Philadelphia. He was the inventor of the perspective protractor, which has since been used by many of his associates in the profession. This picture was brought to Lancaster by Sidney H. Myer, the grandmother of Mr. Steinman, when, after her marriage, she came to Lancaster about June, 1822, and it remained in her possession during her life. It then passed to the late George M. Steinman. Upon his decease, it came into the possession of its present owner. It will be observed that it has been in this family for almost one hundred years.

There may be in this city, other old pictures of Washington, with interesting histories; but, outside of a miniature in the possession of Mrs. John F. Griel, a satisfactory history of which I have not yet been able to obtain, none have come to my knowledge.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING.

Lancaster, Pa., February 2, 1917.

The regular stated meeting of the Lancaster County Historical Society was held this evening in the Public Library Building. President Diffenderfer occupied the chair.

The librarian presented the following report:

Memorial Volume of Hon. Gershom Bradford Weston and Deborah Brownell Weston, of Duxbury, Massachusetts, from Edmund Brownell Weston; Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society, No. 25, in a paper-bound volume; Bulletin of the New York Public Library, for December, 1916; The Washington University State Historical Society Quarterly, for January, 1917; The Story of Lincoln Memorial University at Cumberland, Tennessee, a finely illustrated booklet, from Joe Mitchell Chapell; Monthly Bulletin of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, for January, 1917; Bulletin of the Grand Rapids Public Library, for December, 1917; Pennsylvania Highway News, the official bulletin of the State Highway Department, for December, 1916; International Conciliation, for September, 1916, from the American Association for International Conciliation; "Revolutions in Europe," from Henry G. Lipp.

Seven persons were elected to membership in the Society. These were: Professor and Mrs. Frederick W. Prechtel, of Millersville; Mrs. James Spotts, Amos K. Stauffer, Mrs. S. W. Downey, Daniel W. Dietrich and Mrs. Agnes Techmeyer, all of Lancaster.

Nine persons were nominated for membership. These follow: Mrs. A. May Myers, of Ephrata; Clarence Shock, of Mount Joy, and the following from Lancaster city: Miss Florence Wiseman, of 419 West Orange street; Walter A. Heinitsh, of No. 229 West Chestnut street; Mrs. Claribel Schaeffer Williamson, of President and Wheatland avenues; J. Andrew Frantz, Esq., of No. 7 South Duke street; Franklin Williamson, of President and Wheatland avenues, and Miss Margaret F. Goebel, of No. 125 North Plum street; also, Mrs. Evetta Schock, of Mount Joy.

Four amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted. They had been presented at the January meeting. These require especially that officers shall hereafter be elected by ballot; there shall be a Liberty Committee, the Executive Committee shall be vested with the general management of the business of the Society, and a committee of three members shall pass upon all papers read and presented to the Society, deciding whether they are to be published in the monthly journal of the Society.

Harry Stehman, Jr., of Rohrerstown, was unanimously elected librarian for the year 1917.

Miss Lottie M. Bausman reported that the Bibliography of Lancaster County, compiled by her and prepared for publication by the State Federation, is ready for distribution. A limited number of copies will come to Lancaster. They can be ordered through her. This is a splendid work of four hundred pages, and contains the names of all the publications known to have been

ever issued in Lancaster city or county. It is a splendid and valuable addition to local literature.

The paper of the evening was prepared and read by Judge Charles I. Landis. His theme was, "Some Old-Time Lancaster Portraits of Washington." It was an interesting subject in a somewhat new field for the local historians, and was handled most entertainingly. It received marked applause, and a vote of thanks was given the author for his meritorious production.

The paper explains that two portraits of Washington painted by the famous Gilbert Stuart were once found in Lancaster, one originally owned by General Edward Hand and the other by Alexander Scott. Another thought to have been a Stuart's Washington was one time owned by Edward R. Zahm. None of these portraits are now in Lancaster; but there are several fine paintings of the First President, by other masters, in this city. Among these are the portrait owned by Miss Margaret K. Heinitsh; one owned by Miss Anna M. Deaner; a fine copy of Gilbert Stuart's portrait of Washington, now owned by George Steinman; a miniature in the possession of Mrs. John F. Griel, and a large oil in the possession of the Lancaster County Historical Society.

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SEEDTIME AND HARVEST

More than three-quarters of a century ago, in a country school house, a curly-headed boy, with tremulous voice and quaking knees, appeared before an audience considerably larger than the one before him to-night, and commenced his address with words some of you may have heard before. They began with:

"You'd scarce expect one of my age
To speak in public on the stage."

At this distant day that young orator does not remember whether the adult portion of his audience received his effort with applause or in silence, and whether his classmates expressed their disapproval with jeers and cat-calls, nor does it matter much. To-night that same youngster appears before an audience more learned and more critical, and with the weight of four and eighty years upon his shoulders and whose head is now white with the snows that never melt, feels that he might begin his address even more appropriately with the same words that he began his first one, seven and seventy years ago.

I have often wondered why none of the members of our society have thought of writing a sketch of our organization which, after an existence of fully thirty years, may fairly claim to be of adult age and size. It is true that our first volume of Papers and Proceedings bears the date of 1896-7, but the facts are that the society had its origin ten years earlier, in 1886, although for a considerable period after that date it lapsed into quietude and silence. As our early minute book is still in existence and the record of our early beginnings and trials is very complete, I shall draw on them to set the facts before you.

The organization of a local Historical Society was talked about and advocated many years before formal action, looking forward to that end, took place, especially in the local newspapers, but it was not until 1887 that public opinion materialized in decisive action.

The first record in our minute book is as follows: "On November 11, 1886, the following call, prepared by A. F. Hostetter, acting for the signers, and signed by F. R. Diffenderffer, Samuel M. Sener, Rev. J. Max Hark and A. F. Hostetter, was mailed to a number of gentlemen who, it was believed, would be interested in the formation of such a society as it suggested.

The Call.

Dear Sir:

Lancaster, Penna., Nov. 11, 1886.

The undersigned, believing that a systematic effort should be made to gather and preserve the materials relating to the history of Lancaster county, and that the time has come for the organization of a County Historical Society, herewith take the liberty of inviting you, as one known to be interested in the subject, to meet with them on Tuesday, November 16th, 1886, at 10 o'clock, a. m. in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, on South Queen street, Lancaster, Pa., to consider the propriety of forming such a society.

Will you please favor us with an early reply, addressed to any of the undersigned?

(41) OK

If you know of any person to whom you think it well to send this invitation, we esteem it a favor to have you give us their names and addresses.

Yours truly,

The day named in the call proved very inclement and only a few persons responded to the call. In consequence, no formal action was taken, and, after some discussion, the meeting adjourned, with the understanding that another should be called at a later date. Subsequently, the signers of the call and several others decided to meet on November 26th, 1886, at the law office of W. U. Hensel, Esq., No. 45 North Duke street, Lancaster, Pa.

The next meeting was held, accordingly, in Mr. Hensel's office, on the date just named. The following persons were present: F. R. Diffenderffer, Rev. J. Max Hark, Rev. Dr. J. H. Dubbs, W. U. Hensel, Esq., A. F. Hostetter, Esq., E. K. Martin, Esq., S. M. Sener, Esq., and Samuel H. Zahm. Dr. Dubbs was chosen Chairman and A. F. Hostetter as Secretary of the meeting. After considerable discussion it was decided to proceed to the organization of an Historical Society, to be devoted to the history of the city and county of Lancaster.

The names of a number of persons throughout the city and county were suggested as likely to take an interest in the subject, and it was resolved that the Secretary should communicate with these and also that a general call should be issued and published in the newspapers of the city for another meeting at the office of Mr. Hensel on Tuesday, Dec. 4th, 1886, at 2 p. m., at which time it is expected to effect a permanent organization and to outline the work to be attempted."

Accordingly, on the date just mentioned, a meeting was held at the office of Mr. Hensel. The following persons were present: W. U. Hensel, Esq., Rev. H. A. Brickenstein, Principal of the Linden Hall Seminary, at Lititz; Rev. Dr. J. H. Dubbs, Prof. of History at Franklin and Marshall College; Rev. J. Max Hark, pastor of the Moravian Church, in Lancaster; F. R. Diffenderffer, Samuel M. Sener, Col. Samuel C. Slaymaker, Chas. F. Steigerwalt, Samuel H. Zahm and A. F. Hostetter, all of Lancaster, and Isaac Walker, of Gap. Dr. Dubbs acted as chairman. After discussing the best method of organizing, it was resolved that the matter of a proper Constitution and By-laws be referred to a committee to report at the next meeting. The following were named as the committee: Rev. J. Max Hark, Samuel H. Zahm, A. F. Hostetter, W. U. Hensel and Rev. Dr. Dubbs. An adjournment was then had to January 6, 1887.

Signed by

A. F. HOSTETTER, Temporary Secretary.

On January 6, 1887, the meeting proposed on Dec. 4th was held in the Orphan's Court Room, Dr. Dubbs presiding. The following persons were present: Dr. Dubbs, Dr. Hark, F. R. Diffenderffer, A. F. Hostetter, W. U. Hensel, S. C. Slaymaker, Samuel M. Sener, Richard M. Reilly, William A. Wilson, Simon P. Eby, Samuel H. Zahm, W. W. Griest, Dr. James P. Wickersham, Chas. I. Steigerwalt, J. M. Johnson and Isaac Walker. Letters of regret were received from the following persons who were unable to attend, but expressed their sympathy with the movement and their purpose to become members of the society: Samuel Evans, Columbia; E. K. Martin, John W. Appel, Elwood Griest, George Steinman, Simon S. Rathvon, Dr. John S. Stahr, of Lancaster; Rev. Dr. Calvin W. Stewart, of Colerain, George W. Hensel, of Quarryville; C. H. Stubbs, of Fairfield; L. S. Reist, of Oregon; W. W. H. Kinzer, of Terre Hill; Hayden H. Tshudy, of Lititz; Henry Carter, of Lyle; H. S. Danner, of Manheim; John C. Martin and Adam Konigmacher, of Ephrata, and J. B. Hipple, of Lancaster.

Mr. Hensel, on behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting to draft a constitution, reported the following, which was adopted as the constitution of the society. Here follows the constitution as we have it to-day.

On motion of Mr. Hensel, J. Max Hark and F. R. Diffenderffer were appointed a committee to recommend officers for the ensuing year. They reported the following, who were unanimously elected:

President, Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D.; Vice Presidents, Hon. J. P. Wickersham and Samuel Evans; Recording Secretary, A. F. Hostetter; Corresponding Secretary, W. W. Griest; Treasurer, Simon P. Eby; Executive Committee, F. R. Diffenderffer, R. M. Reilly, J. B. Hipple, C. I. Steigerwalt, Dr. C. H. Stubbs, H. A. Brickenstein, J. Max Hark, S. C. Slaymaker, P. C. Hiller and W. U. Hensel.

Dr. Dubbs, on taking the chair, expressed his thanks to the society for the honor conferred upon him and spoke at some length upon the importance of the work in hand and the wealth of material for the future historians, which might be gathered by proper effort.

Mr. Issac Walker, of Gap, expressed his pleasure at seeing the society organized and regretted that, on account of age, he could not be present at many of these meetings, but promised his co-operation so far as he could be of service. Mr. Walker then donated to the society an engraving of William Penn and also an autograph letter of Penn, for both of which the society tendered him its thanks, and ordered them to be preserved by the librarian. The society then adjourned.

January 10, 1887.

The Executive Committee of the society and others met in the Eshleman Law Building on the evening of this day. The purpose of the meeting was to agree on some place to conduct the work of the society. Numerous suggestions were agreed upon as promising the best results, and Dr. Dubbs, the President, was requested to prepare a paper to be read at the next month's meeting of the committee, outlining in detail the scheme of work to be undertaken by the society.

February 14, 1887.

The Executive Committee met on the evening of this day, in the offices of Mr. Hensel. A number of other members were also present.

Dr. Dubbs, the President of the society, then read the paper which he had been requested to prepare. He dwelt upon the importance of Lancaster county as a field for the historian, and the fact that heretofore we have largely neglected our own history. The hope was expressed that much of the early material, now lost, might yet be rescued and preserved. He then gave a general outline of what he thought should be the scope of the society's work.

Dr. W. H. Egle, of Harrisburg, State Librarian, and the editor of "Notes and Queries," was then introduced to the meeting. He gave the committee many valuable and practical suggestions, based on his experience in this kind of work, as to the best methods of conducting the operations of the society. He suggested the appointment of smaller committees on different lines of specialized work. He called special attention to the richness of Lancaster county as a field of biography, and urged the preparation and preservation of sketches of all the prominent citizens of the county, living and dead, portraits of deceased citizens and photographs of old buildings.

Dr. Egle presented the society with a copy of the original plot or draft of Lancaster county as surveyed in 1730, also with two copies of his quarterly magazine, "Notes and Queries."

On motion, the thanks of the committee were tendered to Dr. Dubbs for his address and to Dr. Egle for his suggestions and donations.

Mr. S. C. Slaymaker exhibited an iron axe or hatchet found about twenty years ago at Chadd's Ford. It resembled an ancient battle axe.

On motion, the chairman appointed F. R. Diffenderffer, S. P. Eby and S. C. Slaymaker to look up permanent quarters for the society.

The general subjects covered by the addresses of Drs. Dubbs and Egle were then discussed and a schedule of committees was agreed upon. The President was then instructed to select and appoint these committees, but with the understanding that members should be at liberty to select their work, should they have a preference.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was held on March 21, 1887, in the rooms of the Board of Trade. The committee on securing quarters reported the Board of Trade had offered its rooms to the committee for its meetings, free of charge. A photograph of the bell ordered to be cast in Europe by Israel Eckerlin, for the Ephrata Monastery, while he was Prior, but which the society refused to receive, and which afterwards became the property of Grace Lutheran Church, Lancaster, was presented by the Band of Hope of said church. Some old papers and pamphlets were also donated. Thanks were given to the donors.

A communication from Samuel Evans, Esq., was received, urging the society to secure permanent quarters, saying he had some valuable books which he desired to give to the society so soon as it had a permanent home. He also suggested the names of a number of persons from other localities for membership.

In accordance with instructions given to President Dubbs at the January meeting, the following assignments to the various committees were made:

Archæology: (Including Indian relics, historic remains and numismatics), C. Steigerwalt, P. C. Hiller and S. H. Zahm.

Topography: (Including local nomenclature and the collection of surveys, maps and engravings), Samuel C. Slaymaker, Isaac Walker and George Steinman.

Local Records: (Including the general supervision of the literary work of the society, and the suggestion of subjects for investigation and discussion). F. R. Diffenderffer, W. U. Hensel, Esq., Rev. J. Max Hark, Rev. Dr. James Y. Mitchell and Wm. Aug. Atlee, Esq.

Bibliography : (With special reference to the early imprints of Lancaster county), S. H. Zahm, Samuel M. Sener, Esq., and Dr. C. H. Stubbs.

Periodical Literature: Richard M. Reilly, Esq., W. W. Griest and J. B. Hipple.

Biography: Samuel Evans.

Education: Dr. J. P. Wickersham, Prof. Isaac Geist and Abraham Beck.

Ecclesiastical History: Rev. Dr. C. W. Stewart, Rev. H. A. Brickenstein.

Science: (Including mining and metalurgy), Dr. J. S. Stahr and Dr. S. S. Rathvon.

Political History: W. U. Hensel, Esq., and E. K. Martin, Esq.

Agriculture and Forestry: S. P. Eby, Esq., and Frank Greist.

A motion was made to incorporate the society, and Messrs. Eby, Hensel and Slaymaker were appointed a committee to report on the desirability of such action at the next meeting.

April 18, 1887.

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee was held. Some donations of old-time lottery tickets were made (by whom made was not stated). The Secretary exhibited the roster of the battery commanded by Captain W. W. Nevin during the war of the Rebellion.

May 16, 1887.

The Executive Committee met at the Board of Trade rooms, a number of members being present. Dr. Dubbs exhibited some interesting documents bearing on the history of Franklin and Marshall College.

Peter C. Hiller exhibited a collection of aboriginal stone implements and arrow heads.

June 25, 1887.

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Board of Trade rooms. No business of importance was transacted. On motion it was decided to take a recess during the summer season. Adjourned.

September 19, 1887.

The regular monthly meeting was held. Messrs. Hiller and Zahm, from the Archæological Committee, reported the sites of several Indian villages and graves they had visited during the summer. Adjourned.

October 17, 1887.

Dr. Dubbs read and presented to the society a manuscript history of Columbia, prepared by a gentleman whose name was not given, a number of years ago. After a general discussion of the history of Columbia the committee adjourned.

November 21, 1887.

The regular meeting was held. No quorum being present, no business was transacted.

December 19, 1887.

The regular monthly meeting was held. Several members were present but, owing to the want of a quorum, no business was transacted.

That is the last record in the first minute book of our organization. After an existence of one year of active life, and which was begun with high hopes and under favorable circumstances, it seems to have given up the ghost. Temporary Secretary A. F. Hostetter seems to have been so much disgusted with the non-attendance of members that he even neglected to affix his signature to the last two brief records with which he wound up his minutes.

What did it all mean? What was the matter? Does any one here know? One of us does know and I say it with regret, that I am that one, and am still more sorry that I must take a full share of the blame. It is said an honest confession is sometimes good for men and women, therefore I propose to be good.

The Trouble.

You will remember Dr. Dubbs was asked to prepare and read an address. He did so. Our personal relations had long been pleasant and cordial. I was on the committee to nominate officers, and as I considered him the ablest historian in the membership, I nominated him. The day before his address was delivered he called on me at the office of The New Era newspaper, of which paper I was then the associate editor. He talked over various matters to be brought forward at the meeting the next day. As one deeply interested in all that concerned our organization, and also as a newspaperman, I was anxious that the proceedings and the papers read before it should receive the widest publicity possible. He agreed with me, and I then asked him for his address for publication on the next day, and he seemed willing and anxious to do so. After he had read his paper I went to him and asked him for the manuscript, which he had promised me the day before. To my surprise, he said he had given it to W. U. Hensel. At that time Mr. Hensel was one of the owners and editors of the Intelligencer newspaper, and with a newspaperman's natural

instinct, had asked Dr. Dubbs for his address, in his newspaper. Dr. Dubbs told him he had promised it to me, and that I had promised to send "proofs" to all the other dailies in the city. But Mr. Hensel met that statement by saying he would "edit the copy, give it all the headings required and send proofs to all the other papers." Now you are all aware that there always was and will be a natural rivalry between newspaper men of the same locality. In this case I saw a rival taking from me what had been sacredly promised to me not more than forty-eight hours before, while I, like Lord Ullin in the ballad, "was left lamenting." Of course I got angry—very angry—and said to Dr. Dubbs that if he really meant that after all this that he could not ask for the return of his MSS. I would have nothing more to do with it. "But he will send you corrected proofs," was his rejoinder. My reply was, "I am as able to prepare the copy for the press as Mr. Hensel is, and I want none of it—he need not send it to me; The New Era will not touch it nor publish it." I turned on my heel and walked away without another word, about as angry as an editor gets, and that is saying a great deal.

While this episode seems, and is, largely a personal matter between two members, it nevertheless explains the interregnum between Dec. 19, 1887, and April, 1896, a period of nine years, during which I took no further interest in the society. Others did likewise, and the result was that for a long time it ceased to command public interest and if not dead, it was taking a very long and very profound slumber.

The Reorganization.

But the old time desire for a local Historical Society still remained and as we are told in the ballad,

"Time makes all but true love old,"

so our hopes began to manifest themselves again, and on April 20, 1896, an informal meeting was held at the home of George Steinman, where it was resolved by those present that a more formal meeting should be called for May 8th in the Orphans' Court Room.

The proposed meeting was, accordingly, held on the date named. Dr. John S. Stahr, of Franklin and Marshall College, was selected temporary Chairman, and Henry F. Bitner, temporary Secretary. Dr. Stahr stated the purpose of the meeting to be the permanent organization of the Lancaster County Historical Society. Hon. W. U. Hensel said the Historical Society of ten years before had a present existence, and that time might be saved by organizing at once under the old constitution.

Dr. Dubbs stated that the officers of the old society had faithfully served out the time for which they had been elected and proposed that new officers should be elected. By a unanimous vote, it was decided to proceed under the old organization, and to give all who desired, the opportunity to join.

The following persons were then proposed and at once elected to membership: William N. Appel, B. C. Atlee, Rev. A. C. Whitmer, A. J. Kauffman, Horace L. Haldeman, Rev. C. B. Shultz, Thomas Whitson, J. B. Livingston, H. C. Brubaker, Rev. D. W. Gerhard, Rev. Ellis S. Hay, H. E. Steinmetz, Dr. J. H. Selling, Dr. Wm. Blackwood, J. W. Yocum, Chas. I. Schneaver, Chas. I. Landis, Adam Geist, Dr. M. W. Raub, E. Billingsfelt, J. Frank Buch, Amos Rutter, W. L. Hershey, Dr. J. L. Ziegler, Joseph C. Burkholder, Joseph C. Walker, Jacob H. Kreider, Chas. A. Heinitsh, Jacob Hildebrand, Dr. John B. Kleffer, H. S. Williamson, William H. Keller, Dr. Henry Muhlenberg, O. P. Bricker, David McMullen, Thomas Wright, Reuben D. Herr, Thos. B. Cochran, Eugene G. Smith, James M. Walker, A. A. Newpher, Peter C. Hiller, Miss Marianna

Gibbons and Mrs. L. D. Zell, forty-four in all. It will be observed that the names of the original members do not appear on this list. No doubt they were considered as hold-over members.

The Officers.

A committee of three was selected to nominate permanent officers for the ensuing year. Afterwards the motion was amended to have the committee report at the present meeting. Dr. Seiling, Hon. W. U. Hensel and W. A. Atlee, Esq., were the committee. After consultation, the committee reported the following names: For President, Dr. J. H. Dubbs; Vice Presidents, Samuel Evans and J. C. Walker; Recording Secretary, Frank R. Diffenderffer; Corresponding Secretary, W. W. Griest; Librarian, Samuel Sener; Treasurer, B. C. Atlee; Executive Committee, W. U. Hensel, Horace L. Haldeman, Adam Geist, Rev. C. B. Shultz, Miss Marianna Gibbons, J. W. Yocum, Richard M. Reilly, Peter C. Hiller and E. Billingsfelt.

Dr. Dubbs declined to accept the Presidency. Half a dozen other gentlemen were named for the place, but all declined. Dr. Dubbs suggested George Steinman, and he was at once elected against his protest.

By a unanimous vote it was decided the meeting of the society should, thereafter, be held monthly instead of quarterly. The first Friday of each month, at 2 p. m., was the time selected.

Other miscellaneous business was transacted. Among the rest, writers were named to prepare papers to be read at the next meeting. Dr. Buehrle suggested that much valuable material might be collected by school children, if care was taken to let them know what was wanted. D. H. Heitshu, John B. Eshleman, Edw. P. Brinton, Frank B. McClain and Alfred A. Hubley were also elected to membership. The society then adjourned.

I have given the minutes of this reorganization meeting pretty liberally, so that our membership may become fully acquainted with our early history. The minutes of that meeting were prepared by the temporary Secretary, Prof. Henry L. Bitner. I was prevented by illness from being present at this meeting, but I find the minutes were transferred to the minute-book by myself.

The Society at Work.

The next meeting of the society was held on June 5th, in the afternoon, in the Fulton Opera House, President Steinman in the chair. The following new names were added to the membership: J. W. B. Bausman, Paul O'Dougherty, Dr. J. P. Ziegler, Prof. M. J. Brecht, Rev. C. E. Eberman, C. S. Foltz, Col. Samuel Wright, A. B. Hassler, Esq., Dr. E. O. Lyte, P. C. Sentman, David E. Mayer, John P. Schaum, G. F. K. Erisman and William H. Reilly.

Dr. Dubbs read a paper on the names of the townships in the county. Horace L. Haldeman, an article relating to Chickies and other furnaces above Columbia. Casper Hiller sent in a paper of remembrances of Conestoga township. Thomas Whitson read a paper on William Park, the true hero of the Christiana riots. All these papers were ordered printed, and here began the practice of our society to print all important papers read before, in pamphlet form. The thanks of the society were tendered to Mr. Yecker for the gratuitous use of the room. Owing to the heated term being at hand, it was decided to dispense with the July and August meetings. The meeting was numerously attended by the members and others, and much interest was manifested. The society, at that meeting, seems to have struck the progressive gait that has characterized it ever since.

The next meeting was held on Sept. 4, in the Opera House, the new President, George Steinman, occupying the chair. Half a dozen new members were

electd and two papers of considerable length were read, one on the mis-named Baron Stiegel and the other on the Acadians in Lancaster county.

The October 6th meeting was large and several interesting papers were read, and followed by discussions of the same that were not only informing, but brought out additional facts concerning the subjects discussed.

At the November meeting some new applications for membership were received. Valuable papers were read by Messrs. R. M. Reilly and R. J. Huston. The members appointed to the various committees authorized at the October meeting were announced. No fewer than four papers were read at this meeting and they were ordered to be printed. The question of permanent quarters for the society was discussed.

The meeting on Dec. 4th was, as usual, well attended. Six new names were added to the membership and several papers were read and ordered to be printed. Mr. Hensel, on behalf of the proprietors of the late city annex of Rossmere, extended an invitation to the society to take charge of the ceremonies consequent on the erection of a monument and tablet to the memory of George Ross, on the spot where the house of that eminent man once stood. The proposal was accepted and a committee appointed by the President to carry out the scheme. Thomas Whitson also offered a series of resolutions to the effect that the members of the society use all their influence to secure an appropriation from the State Legislature to purchase and own the birthplace of Robert Fulton, the eminent citizen and inventor. It was also announced that the next meeting of the society would be held in the rooms of the Iris Club, on North Duke street, after which a collation would be served. A special session would also be held on the evening of that day, at which several addresses would be made.

That meeting was, accordingly, held on January 7th, 1897. It was very largely attended. An election for officers of the society was held, which resulted in the re-election of all the former officials, and of fifteen new members. A number of valuable donations were received from Dr. W. H. Egle. Mr. Meginnis, the Historian, and Vice President Evans presented the society, in behalf of the Trustees of Donegal Church, namely, Samuel Evans, Henry H. Wiley and Solomon Hoover, with a beautiful gavel and block, made of wood from the historic Donegal "Witness Tree" at Donegal Church.

Several lengthy papers were read and remarks made suitable to the occasion. Donegal Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution had been invited to be present and they were there in large numbers. The Secretary closes his minutes of this meeting in these words: "It may not be amiss to say the meeting was large, enthusiastic and thoroughly successful."

That meeting closed the first year of the re-organized and rejuvenated Lancaster County Historical Society. It will be noted that only six meetings were held during the year, May 8, June 5, September 4, October 4, November 6 and December 4, but as the constitution called for the annual election of officers in January, that was made the commencement of the new year.

Looking back over that first year, what was said and done, and the progress made, its success was remarkable. No fewer than seventy-seven members had been elected. At the earlier organization about thirty-six names appear in the minutes, but most of these became members of the reorganized society.

Seedtime Concluded.

Here, too, closes the "seed time" period of our history. We were all busy during that first year in sowing the historical seeds which have resulted in such satisfactory work later on. Things were not at that time as we have them now. In the first place, our membership was not one-third what it is

now. Members were not pressing forward with papers to be read, as they now are. In fact, one of the most exacting duties of the Secretary was to find some one who had a paper to read. He was expected to have some one on hand, but oft times it was a very difficult task. One time that he recalls, with meeting only two days away and nothing in sight. Standing at my office door, the late Dr. Hassler happened along. "What will we have on Friday night?" was his greeting. "Nothing in sight," was my reply. He paused a moment and then said, "Why don't you write one on ———, you are well up on the subject and could make an interesting paper out of it." I hesitated for a few moments and then replied I would attempt it. I worked at it late that night, all my leisure time during the next day, but four o'clock in the afternoon came along and the end was not yet in sight. I engaged the office typist to remain after office hours and help me through, and he did. For more than two hours I was making "copy" with all the speed of which I was capable, while he copied my pages on the typewriter as fast as he got them. We won; I got no supper, but read my paper on time.

In those early days our revenues were scant, and we saved wherever we could. I think that for one entire year or more Mr. Sener put up the pamphlets in wrappers and I wrote the addresses on them. We carried them to the postoffice, sometimes he and sometimes I. Later we concluded the society could afford to pay for that labor and I got an office boy to "dix" the pamphlets, a plan that has been continued ever since. All this may seem trivial and unimportant, but it at least gives proof that the early members had the good of the society at heart and ready to render every reasonable service for her welfare.

I have dwelt at considerable length and with some minuteness on that early formative period of our history. In the first place, many of those who became members at that time are no longer with us, and because by far the greater number of our present members can have but little knowledge of what was said and done in those early days. From this time forward I shall deal as briefly as possible with the history of our society, because fully two-thirds of our members have joined during the past dozen years, and most of them, from their attendance here, are fairly well acquainted with what our organization has accomplished. I shall allude only to the more salient features and occurrences that fell in our way as we went marching down the procession of years.

Our Publications and the Ross Monument.

Volume I.—1896-97.

According to the announcement at the last meeting in December, 1896, the society began the new year by holding its January meeting in the rooms of the Iris Club. There was a morning session, a collation in the afternoon and a very successful evening session. No fewer than four papers were read. The June meeting was dispensed with, the time being given to the dedication of the Ross monument, which was very numerously attended and attracted wide attention. Congressman Brosius delivered a masterly address and Miss Blanch Nevin read a poem, written for the occasion, full of the fire and fervor of the days of 1776. This year Miss Mary Ross donated the society \$100.

The volume of Papers and Proceedings for 1896-97 contained ten pamphlets, 408 pages and twenty-one illustrations.

Volume II.—1897-98.

During the year 1898, eight regular meetings were held. Many papers were read and many donations received. The literary output for the year was

247 pages, with six illustrations. Officers of the last year were re-elected. Members, 112.

Volume III—1898.

The society still continued to meet in the rooms of the Iris Club. The officers of the last year were re-elected. The Secretary and Librarian were appointed editors of the proceedings and publications of the society. Number of pages 215, six illustrations and a dozen good papers.

Volume IV—1899.

Officers of the previous year re-elected. All the meetings of the year were held in the Y. M. C. A. Building. Many papers of value were read and printed. A donation was asked by the Witness Tree Chapter, D. A. R., to aid in erecting a monument at Donegal Church. One hundred and eighty-four pages of literature were printed. Frequently during the preceding and succeeding years the pamphlets were doubled up—in other words, one and two, five and six, and so on, were put in a single pamphlet to complete the usual ten. Lack of papers offered was the reason.

Volume V—1901.

The officers of the previous year were re-elected. The sum of \$15 was voted to the Y. M. C. A. for the use of the room occupied by the society, the Y. M. C. A. making no charge. One hundred and eighty-four pages was the literary output for the year. In 1901 the society was chartered by the county Court.

Volume VI—1901-02.

The annual election for officers resulted as follows: President, George Steinman; Vice Presidents, Dr. J. H. Dubbs and Samuel Evans; Secretary, F. R. Diffenderfer, Litt. D.; Treasurer, Dr. J. W. Houston; Librarian, S. M. Sener; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Martha B. Clark.

A committee on securing a badge for the society was appointed. The literary output was 149 pages, three illustrations. Donations of books large and valuable.

Volume VII—1902-03.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the old officials. The donation in books and other valuable articles was announced by the Librarian to be large. The society had been meeting on Friday afternoons for a long time, but at the December meeting a change to evening meetings was made. During the year six pamphlets were issued, with ten illustrations and 209 pages.

Volume VIII—1904.

Officers of the previous year were re-elected. At the January meeting it was decided to call the next meeting for February, on the first Tuesday of the month, at 8 p. m. The March meeting was also called in the evening. An earnest plea was made by Dr. Dubbs at the October meeting for more papers, by members. A committee was appointed to see if quarters for the society could be secured in the A. Herr Smith Library Building. Eight pamphlets were given out, containing 275 pages and fifteen illustrations.

Volume IX—1905.

Old officers elected as usual. The scheme to compile a bibliography of Lancaster county imprints adopted. The society made a fall outing to Read-

ing and was very handsomely entertained by the Berks County Historical Society.

Volume X—1905-06—An Irregularity Corrected.

For a number of years there was an irregularity between what may be termed our fiscal and our literary year. The January meeting began our regular year. The officers were then elected and the annual dues made payable. But the literary year began in September, ran over into the next year, and closed in June. The title page of an early volume had two dates, such as 1899-1900, 1904-1905. In the last mentioned year the Secretary directed attention to this irregularity and suggested that the 1905 volume should be continued till the next January, and a new start from January to January be made. The suggestion was adopted and, thereafter, the literary and fiscal year were one, and much confusion prevented. The result was that volume nine contains twelve pamphlets. Thereafter the literary and fiscal years included the same period.

A communication was received from the Y. M. C. A. that the room occupied by the Historical Society would be needed in the fall.

Volume XI—1907.

The society held its annual outing at Accomac on the Susquehanna, on June 27. The society and members individually loaned about fifty articles to the Jamestown Exposition. A series of "Notes and Queries" begun. Annual volume contains ten pamphlets, eighteen illustrations and 425 pages. Attendance large. The first eleven volumes contain eighty-nine separate pamphlets, 146 illustrations and 3,082 pages.

At the meeting held on September 6, the resignation of the Secretary, F. R. Diffenderffer, who had continuously held that office since May 18, 1896, a period of eleven years and five months, was tendered to the society and reluctantly accepted. A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring official and A. K. Hostetter was chosen to fill the unexpired term.

Volume XII—1908.

At the June meeting F. R. Diffenderffer was elected to the First Vice Presidency to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel Evans. The Secretary presented 285 volumes and many pamphlets once the property of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, now disbanded.

Volume XIII—1909.

On September 21 of this year the society erected a bronze tablet to the memory of Robert Fulton at the house in which he was born. A great concourse of people was present. It was a great success. Cost of tablet, \$220. Paid.

Volume XIV—1910.

This volume contains 341 pages, with nine illustrations and is composed of ten pamphlets.

Volume XV—1911.

This volume is almost wholly given to the Christiana riots and the slavery question, and is one of the most valuable compilations on that subject extant. There are no fewer than ten articles that deal with the slavery issue, covering every phase of the question in this State. The compilation as a whole is an excellent piece of historical work, gleaned almost wholly from participants and others who had full knowledge of the situation.

Volume XVI—1912.

This is a notable volume. The ceremonies attending the dedication of the General Hand memorial tablet are found in it and also the full details of the Loan Exhibition of Historical and Contemporary Portraits, held in the Woolworth Building from November 23 until December 13, an exhibition never equalled in this city and rarely excelled in the State.

Volume XVII—1913.

This volume consists of ten numbers, containing 322 pages and three illustrations. There were twenty-five new members during this year.

Volume XVIII—1914.

In this volume we find ten numbers, 276 pages and two illustrations.

Volume XIX—1915.

The contents of this volume number 349 pages, with two illustrations, including ten pamphlets.

Volume XX—1916.

This volume is still incomplete.

Summary of Contents By Volume.

	Pages	Pamphlets	Illustrations
Volume I—1897	408	10	21
Volume II—1897-98	247	8	6
Volume III—1898-99	215	8	6
Volume IV—1900	184	9	0
Volume V—1901	174	3	0
Volume VI—1901-02	149	5	3
Volume VII—1902	209	7	10
Volume VIII—1903-04	275	8	15
Volume IX—1904-05	390	12	37
Volume X—1906	434	11	23
Volume XI—1906-07	425	10	18
Volume XII—1908	358	10	1
Volume XIII—1909	287	10	16
Volume XIV—1910	341	10	9
Volume XV—1911	445	11	13
Volume XVI—1912	487	10	48
Volume XVII—1913	232	10	3
Volume XVIII—1914	276	10	2
Volume XIX—1915	352	10	11
Volume XX—1916	301	10	4
Totals	6,280	182	215

The above is a wonderful showing, inasmuch that the reading matter is nearly all from original sources, and most of it entirely new. So far as my observation has gone, no society in our State approaches our work in extent and originality.

Some Suggestions.

My self-allotted task is nearly done. I have tried to place before you a statement, both clear and fair, of what our society has done during its exist-

ence of twenty-one years. In one sense, further commentary seems unnecessary. There stand the bound volumes of Papers and Proceedings. Their contents best tell the tale I have tried to place before you. Self praise is often regarded with suspicion, and justly. I am pretty well acquainted with the work of the thirty odd County Historical Societies of the State, and I, without the least hesitation, assert that no similar society in Pennsylvania can, in the extent and excellence of its labors, compare with the work done by our society. I mean original work in local history. As I went over it all in the past few weeks, I am amazed at its extent, great variety and general excellence. It is undeniable that there are some weak spots. There has been too much duplication—repetition, much of it, because the writers did not know, or else ignored, the fact that the same ground had already been covered. The new committee on the examination of papers can, and I trust will, put an end to this trouble. Then, too, there are those who think the longer their papers are, the better they are. That is a grievous mistake. As a rule, the longer the paper is, the weaker it is. I admit to have been an offender in the past, in this respect, but not an intentional one. Even this paper seems to be getting away from me, but as I have not written one for some time past and expect never to write another, I ask your pardon. At the same time let no one be deterred from writing papers, if so inclined. We cannot all write papers, but should give all the aid we can to others. An historical society is, in some respects, not unlike a commercial firm or partnership. The good work of one member redounds to the credit of all the rest. If we do not all write papers, we can come here and, by our presence and approval, encourage those who do. In this way, every member does his share of the work and, unitedly, great results are accomplished. Lastly, we owe a debt to our ancestors which we should take pride to manifest in a modest way. Macaulay has somewhere said, "People who will take no pride in the noble achievements of their ancestors, will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants."

I hope I have said nothing to discourage anyone here from presenting his work to our society. I am sure there is still much latent ability in our membership. All persons cannot jump into the literary arena ready armed, like Minerva. No one knows what he can do until he tries. Don't be afraid of the "high brows," they are human beings like the rest of us. The fact is, no one knows what or how much he can do until he sits down and tries, but let him remember that when he shoots at the stars he must aim high. If you never start for Mt. Olympus, you may be pretty sure you will never get there—not even to the foot-hills—much less to the summit.

Our Library.

There is another matter to which I desire to call your attention, and I do so with no little satisfaction and pride. It is our library, which at first was non-existent, but to-day numbers more than 2,600 volumes. We come here, see them on the shelves, but give them little further thought. But don't suppose for a moment that they are not doing excellent work. From my official connection with the Free Library on the other side, I visit it very often and take pleasure in telling you that almost daily I find readers, copyists and investigators calling for books from this library. I see men from other States and places seated at the tables in the other library, reading and copying from the books in this library. Indeed, in the matter of local history, it is the best equipped collection of books in this city, and answers a most useful purpose. We think little of this silent work done by the library, yet it serves a most useful purpose for which we accord it too little credit.

Memorials and Tablets.

Let me direct your attention for a brief time to what our society has done along the line of inaugurating tablets and memorials to some of the famous men who have lived here and acquired world-wide fame. It is true we did not initiate the movement for a memorial to George Ross, our signer to the Declaration of Independence, but we were requested to take charge of the ceremonies, and a most notable affair it was. But we did erect the fine bronze tablet to the undying memory of Robert Fulton on the walls of the house in which he was born. Who among us can ever forget the erection of the splendid boulder on the spot where the first settlement by white men in this county was made at Pequea, or the monument at Christiana where the first real blow for negro emancipation was struck, or that other bronze memorial tablet to the immortal memory of Lancaster's gallant soldier, General Edward Hand, on Indian Rock, or lastly, the memorial boulder and tablet at the Postlethwaite House, where our first county Courts were held?

A Home.

During the present year a member has again directed your attention to the necessity of acquiring a home of our own. It was not a new tale. Let me quote from my annual report as Secretary, on January 5, 1906, ten years ago:

"Although I have in successive annual reports alluded to the necessity of securing more ample quarters for our meetings, and have failed to convince the majority of the members that such is the case, I feel it my duty once more to direct your attention to this matter. It is very true that in some respects these quarters are acceptable, (we were on the fourth floor of the Y. M. C. A. Building), but there are drawbacks. They are not ours exclusively. Every night in the week they are occupied by other persons. It is a matter known to you all that most of our meetings are disturbed by noises and other demonstrations that compel us to close our doors. Our collections are too exposed for safety. Above all, we have outgrown these quarters. You may not decide to move this year, as you decided on previous occasions, but in the very near future you will be compelled to move, whether you like it or not. We are growing. Expansion is the inevitable decree of the times. To refuse to conform to it, is to fall into the rear, to stand still, to stagnate and to die. We can no more escape that law than we can the snows of winter or the showers of summer. I suggest that the Executive Committee be instructed to look into the matter and make an early report." The committee reported some months later. President Steinman stated that an option on a \$10,000 property was offered. I remember that, at the announcement, fifty men's hands were thrust deep in their owner's pockets—after the required \$10,000, no doubt—but, as the sum needed never came to light, no doubt the same empty hands are still groping in the same pockets.

Now, after a lapse of ten years, during which our society has been pleasantly housed in the A. Herr Smith Memorial Library Building, the same question of a permanent home again confronts us. We will be compelled to leave these comfortable quarters before long. I know whereof I speak; these rooms will be required for the use of the Free Library. See to it in time. Let the hands go into the pockets once more, and let us hope with better results.

We have rich men among us; whether any of them are millionaires I do not know. But I do know they could help us out if they would. What will they do with their gold? They can't take it with them when they go. Even if they could, both they and the gold might be dumped into the melting pot before they could put in a protest.

More than once have members mooted the question of a home that shall be ours for all time. As often as the question comes up, every voice exclaims amen, then all go home and go to sleep. Allow me to say that such drowsy acquiescence will never build either home or hut so long as bricks cost \$10 a thousand and lumber is out of sight.

Our Wandering.

Would you like to know how many movings our society has had? Here is the story. It met for the first time, on November 16, 1886, in the hall of the Y. M. C. A., on South Queen street. Next several meetings were called at Mr. Hensel's offices, on North Duke street. On January 6, 1887, a meeting was held in the Orphans' Court room. On January 10, 1887, in the Eshleman Building. Again in Mr. Hensel's office on February 14, 1887, at which time a committee was named to hunt permanent quarters. The March, May and June meetings of 1887 were held in the Board of Trade rooms. Three more meetings were held at some unnamed place, and then the society, for the time being, went out of business.

The reorganization of the society took place at the residence of Mr. George Steinman, on May 6, 1896. Four meetings were next held in the Fulton Opera House, the first on June 5, 1896. On January 7, 1897, the society met in the rooms of the Iris Club, and continued to meet there until February 18, 1899, when it took up its quarters on the fourth story of the Y. M. C. A. Building, where it remained until September, 1906, when it moved into the A. Herr Smith Free Library Building, where it still remains. We have certainly been a moving organization, and the end is not yet in sight.

Odds and Ends.

In volume II, a department of "Notes and Queries" was commenced, but as only one or two members came to the aid of the Secretary it was continued only through five or six numbers.

In 1909 there were only 907 books in the library; in 1917 there are about 2,600.

In 1908, 285 volumes and many pamphlets were received from the Secretary of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, which had disbanded.

Volume XVI, in 1912, is the most notable volume the society has issued. In that year the portrait exhibition was held in the Woolworth Building, from November 23 to December 13. It attracted wide attention and has, perhaps, never been excelled in this State, save in Philadelphia.

In 1908 an index was prepared to the first twelve volumes of Papers and Proceedings, and 238 separate articles were enumerated, of which, perhaps, seventy-five per cent. were especially prepared for the society.

It was impossible to ascertain how many meetings have been held by the society, as the record since 1912 is incomplete. Probably nearly 200.

Our Bibliography.

To S. M. Sener is largely due the credit for originating the idea of a County Bibliography. Of course, we all helped, each as much as he could, and the result should make a wonderful showing—should make, I say, because it has not yet come out of the printer's hand after all these years. So far as I know, no other Historical Society in the Commonwealth has undertaken so difficult a task.

Officers of the Society.

At the re-organization, as already stated, the following officers were elected. They and their successors, down to the present, have been as follows: President, George Steinman, from 1896 to 1917; F. R. Diffenderffer, from 1917 until now. Vice Presidents, Samuel Evans, 1896 until April 22, 1908; Jos. H. Dubbs, 1896 until 1910; F. R. Diffenderffer, April 5, 1908 until January, 1917; W. U. Hensel, 1910 until 1915; Chas. I. Landis, March, 1915, until now; H. Frank Eshleman, 1917. Secretaries, F. R. Diffenderffer, from 1896 to June, 1907; A. K. Hostetter, September 6, 1907 to January 1, 1908. Corresponding Secretaries, W. W. Griest, from January 6, 1889 to Dec. 1887; Miss Marth B. Clark, from January 7, 1898, until now. Librarians, Samuel M. Sener, from May 8, 1896, until May 1, 1909; Chas. T. Steigerwalt, from October 7, 1909, to January 5, 1912. Assistant Librarians, Miss Lottie Bausman, from October 7, 1910, and Librarian from January 5, 1912, until January 1, 1917; H. L. Stehman, from February, 1917, until now. Treasurers, B. C. Atlee, Esq., from May 8 1896, until January 1, 1902; Dr. J. W. Houston, from January 1, 1902, until April 2, 1909; A. K. Hostetter, from May 7, 1909, until now.

At Rest.

Reluctantly and sorrowfully, I take up another page of our history that must here be alluded to. It is the record of those who have left our ranks for "the land o' the leal"—our departed fellow members. I have not had the courage to call the roll, but the number must be nearly a hundred, and yet I will be allowed to recall a few names because of their great prominence, the great interest they took in our cause, and their invaluable labors. First is that eminent local historian, Samuel Evans, the dean of our society, who knew more about our early history than any one then living. There was Dr. Dubbs, learned, able and ready, always on hand and equal to every occasion. There was Hensel, the very incarnation of energy and initiative, ready and able to put through any enterprise. The names of Hostetter, Sener, Zahm, Hassler, Eby, Brosius, the Houston brothers, Slaymaker, Steigerwalt and many more, all of whom were deeply interested in our work and all of whom were personal friends. All our honorary members are gone: Egle, Pennypacker, General De Peyster and Miss Mary Ross. Only four of the 1886 organization survive, Dr. Hark, R. M. Reilly, W. W. Griest and the writer. I am in no mood to pronounce eulogies on the departed.

"We leave their memories to the hearts that loved them."

But here, too, their names and work will not be neglected nor forgotten. So long as the divine hand of Clio guides the eloquent pen of history, their names will stand recorded in our annals.

Conclusion.

This address is already longer than it was intended to be, and yet I realize I have not done full justice to my subject. As it will be the last time I shall tax your patience to such an extent, I desire to express in this formal way, my deep appreciation of your favor in making me the President of this society. Nearly thirty-one years ago it was originally formed. Next month it will be twenty-one years that it was reorganized. During this long period I have been a member—an officer in it—a veritable "Pooh-Bah," you will say; yet I am proud of the record, proud that you have thus honored me as your President, and I here and now assure you with all the sincerity and vigor of language of which I am capable, that I would not exchange places to-night with the ruler of the German Empire.

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

Lancaster, Pa., March 2, 1917.

The regular meeting of the Lancaster County Historical Society was held this evening, in the Smith Free Library Building. President Diffenderffer occupied the chair. Librarian Stehman presented the following report:

The following books and pamphlets were received during February for the library of the Lancaster County Historical Society:

Bound Volumes—Bought: "History of Paper Manufacturing in the United States," by Lyman Horace Weeks. Donated—"Pennsylvania Report of the Department of Fisheries, 1904," from the State Printer; "Report of the Commissioner of Pennsylvania for the Year 1915, Part II," from the State Printer; "Report of the Department of Mines, Part I, Anthracite," from the State Printer; "Annual Report of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, for 1916," from the Government Printing Office, at Washington.

Pamphlets, by exchange and donation—February Bulletin of the Carnegie Library at Pittsburgh; January Bulletin of the New York Public Library; January Bulletin of the Grand Rapids Public Library; German-American Annals Quarterly, last of 1916; American Philosophical Society Publication, No. 8, of the year 1916; February Linden Hall Echo; St. John's Episcopal Church Messenger, October, 1916, to February, 1917; Programme of the Eleventh Annual Northampton County Historical Society Meeting, at Easton, Feb. 9, 1917; Programme of the One Hundredth Anniversary of President James Buchanan becoming a member of Lodge No. 43, F. and A. M., of Lancaster, observed February 7, 1917, by George H. Rothermel.

During the months of January and February the number of books taken out of the Historical Society Library for reference and reading by members and others all told numbered fully a half-hundred.

Seven persons were nominated to membership. These are: Mrs. Frank McGrann, of the New Holland turnpike; Mrs. George P. Roy, of No. 507 West Chestnut street, Lancaster; Mrs. W. M. Porterfield, of No. 561 West Lemon street, Lancaster; Mrs. Albert Herr, of No. 661 West Chestnut street, Lancaster; Samuel M. Mylin, of West Willow, R. F. D., No. 1; Mrs. M. G. Hess, of Manheim, and Miss Emma M. Herr, of No. 13 South Ann street, Lancaster.

The following persons were elected to membership: Miss A. May Myers, of Ephrata; Clarence Schock, of Mount Joy; Mrs. Evetta Schock, of Mount Joy, and Miss Florence Wiseman, Walter A. Heinitsh, Mrs. Claribel S. Williamson, J. Andrew Frantz, Esq., Franklin Williamson, and Miss Margaret Goebel, all of Lancaster.

The President appointed as a Library Committee: D. F. Magee, Esq., A. K. Hostetter and F. R. Diffenderffer, Chairman; and appointed as a committee on examination of papers, read before the society and considered for publication: Hon. Charles I. Landis, Mrs. Mary N. Robinson, and F. R. Diffenderffer, chairman.

The chief feature of the evening, and a very interesting one it proved, was the paper, "Seedtime and Harvest," written by President F. R. Diffenderffer, and read by Bernard J. Myers, Esq. The paper was particularly accurate in

its details and thorough in its handling of the subject. Perhaps no one was better fitted to deal with the theme, as Mr. Diffenderffer was one of the organizers of the society, and is one of the few surviving original members. In all the years of its history he has been one of the leaders in both management and literary and historical activities. Many valuable papers written by him on subjects of local history are preserved in the annals of the organization.

Mr. Diffenderffer, in the paper of the evening, recalled the early troubles and difficulties with which the society struggled, in the days when it was financially poor and weak in numbers. He told of its various meeting places, named the officers who served it, dealt with the accomplishments of the organization up to the present time, encouraged continued interest and activity, thanked the society for the various honors conferred upon him through the years, and stated that this will be the last paper he shall prepare for reading before the membership.

He also referred to the splendid library of very valuable books that has been collected by the society, from a small beginning. He took occasion to strongly urge the importance of the society securing a home of its own, as the present meeting place is not expected to be available a great deal longer, because of the growth of the A. Herr Smith Library.

Announcement was made of the circulation of a petition to the Pennsylvania State Legislature requesting that they make an appropriation for the purchase of the historic Ephrata Cloister property. This petition has already been signed by several hundred persons, and the officers and some of the members of the Historical Society affixed their signatures to the paper at the meeting. This document calls attention briefly to the importance of the Ephrata community in Colonial and Revolutionary times, and the State is requested to take measures to preserve this unusually historic spot and buildings.

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OUR ABORIGINAL PREDECESSORS: ON THE ORIGIN AND RELATION OF THE VARIOUS INDIAN TRIBES OF NORTH AMERICA.

Where the Indians came from and how they happened to become dwellers in the land beyond Atlantis, on the shores of the Occident, has been a subject of investigation and speculation since Indian lore is rife. It has been almost universally thought that at some period of antiquity a migration or a series of migrations by way of Bering Strait took place, by which they were domiciled on the shores of the Pacific, and thence ranged over the continents. Extensive modern research claims the appearance of the aborigines of America to be shrouded in mystery and that such migration could not have taken place later than a time anterior to the records and traditions of the ancient Hindus or Egyptians, than whom the Indians are reputed to be still more ancient as is evidenced from excavations of their ruins, and in all that is peculiar to their individuality in life, language and religion. The fact that no mention is made of them in the earliest records of antiquity suggests their breaking away from the parent stock "before history had dipped her pen in ink or lifted her graver on stone." That they retain traditions of a deluge and that paleolithic implements have been discovered in the glacial drift in the Delaware river basin suggests their existence during the glacial era at the period of the glacial melting, so that their presence on this continent may be very ancient, indeed.

The Indians themselves speak of their forefathers as having sprung from the ground, "For we must tell you," says Canassatego, in a speech at the Indian conference at Lancaster, in 1744, "that long before a hundred years our ancestors came out of this very ground and their children have remained here ever since." (Minutes of conference, published by Benjamin Franklin). Probably the only theory that has not been advocated is that by the inscrutable providence of Jehovah, in the fulfillment of time, by the process of evolution and the progress of development, the aboriginal American may have been "the product of the soil."

When the first brave adventurers from beyond the sea visited these shores they found the copper-colored race in possession, and we know that they hunted the forests, sailed the rivers in their birch canoes, made wampum and held council fires, danced and made war, constructed mounds—for it is now generally conceded that the Indians were the mound-builders—and built cities, formulated religious rites and civil codes, savage though it all was, in happy oblivion of a race across the sea.

Fifty-eight great families, linguistically considered, with many hundred tribes, occupied the land north of Mexico, among whom were spoken as many different languages and dialects. "It is believed," says Mr. Powell (Seventh Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, p. 26), "that the families of languages cannot have sprung from a common source. They are as

distinct from one another in their vocabularies and apparently in their origin as from the Aryan or the Scythian families." It is possible, he says further, that future investigation may result in the fusion of some, but at present existing data does not warrant such an assertion. And the (17) Seventeenth Annual Report of the same Bureau confirms Mr. Powell's assertion of the seventh, that the tendency, instead of being towards a single linguistic stock originally, is just the opposite, the linguistic families being originally apparently more diverse, with a tendency towards fusion as the various tribes commingle. There are others who affirm that their differences in customs, laws and beliefs are just as dissimilar, so that it is impossible to conceive of them as belonging to one original stock. When we think that, in the progress of development, manners, customs, habits and even organic life itself, change and are modified to meet the exigencies of necessity and environment, it is very difficult to make any positive assertion as to their origin or relation.

While thus unable to say where the Indians came from, it is equally impossible to state which of the great families may have arrived first, and it is interesting, biologically, to speculate on the forces distinctively at work in this Western Hemisphere, to develop characteristics of similarity noticeable among the families, for these did develop independent, apparently, of locality, notably an approximation in features, color and physical formation generally.

The Families Representative In Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania was the happy but hotly-contested hunting grounds of two of these great families, the Algonquin and the Iroquois, names given by the early French settlers. Algonquin, from an Algonkin word signifying "those on the other side of the river" (St. Lawrence), Iroquois from "a French adaptation of the Iroquois word 'hiro,' (used to conclude a speech), and 'koué,' (an exclamation)," evidently due to the established custom of these Indians of concluding their speeches with an exclamation, signifying approval by the council. The "Yo-hah" concluded all the approved speeches at the various Indian conferences and treaties with the Six Nation Indians and the colonists. Other derivations of this name are recorded, but the one given is considered most probable.

Both of these families claim to have migrated from the Far West. Algonquin traditions narrate that their ancestors at one time dwelt in the Far Western wilds of America. For some reasons not named they started Eastward and came, after many years, to the river Namoesi Sipu (Mississippi) "river of fish." Here they met the Iroquois, who had arrived before them, migratory also. They found a great warrior tribe, some of whom were of gigantic stature, in possession of the lands east of the Mississippi whose towns were numerous and large, planted on the shores of great rivers, and defended by fortifications and intrenchments, remains of which are still to be found. They were the Allegewi, from whose name the mountain, river and city Allegheny is derived.

The Lenni Lenape requested permission to stay and dwell in this vicinity, but were refused. The Allegewi, however, granted them the privilege of crossing their dominions to lands farther eastward, and the Algonquins again took up the march. But before many had succeeded in crossing the river, the Allegewi, becoming very much alarmed at their number, fell upon those that had arrived on the farther shore, killed the greater part and refused to allow the others to pass. The Algonquins, enraged at this treatment, thirsted for revenge, and, when the Iroquois approached with a proposition to form a league for the purpose of routing and destroying their enemies, with the view to dividing the land, the plan was eagerly adopted and preparations for war

were immediately begun. After years of hard fighting the united nations succeeded in overwhelming the Allegewi and driving them out of the country, never to return. Then, as had before been agreed upon, they divided the land, the Mengwe, or Iroquois, selecting the country to the north, around the Great Lakes, and the Lenape, or Algonquins, the lands to the south.

The Two Great Families As Rivals.

For many years they lived here very harmoniously, when the Lenape, who were hardy hunters, set out for the farther East. They crossed the Allegheny mountains, discovered the Susquehanna and Delaware rivers and settled principally along the shores and in the valley of the Delaware. Various colonies seemed to have gone off in tribes occupying Canada and New England and elsewhere. Most of these tribes figure prominently in the history of the colonies from the earliest settlements. A glance at the names of the principal tribes of the Algonquins will show clearly their settlements:

Miami	Algonquin	Ottawa
Micmac	Arapaho	Pamlico
Monegan	Cheyenne	Pennacook
Montagnais	Conoy	Pequot
Montauk	Cree	Plankishaw
Munsee	Delaware	Pottawotomi
Nanticoke	Fox	Powhatan
Narraganset	Illinois	Sac
Nauset	Kickapoo	Shawnee
Nipmuc	Mohican	Siksika
Ojibwa	Massachuset	Wampanoag
Abuaki	Menominee	Wappinger

(See Seventh Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, p. 43).

Lenape seems to be the original name of the Algonquins, afterwards used as applying to the Delawares only, who possibly are the parent stock of the Algonquins, for it is said of them that "forty tribes acknowledged them as grandfather. Mengwe and Iroquois are also seemingly synonymous, while the term Mengwe or Mingo later applied to the Conestogoes or Susquehannas more particularly.

The Iroquois followed in the wake of the Algonquins or were followed by them. Eventually they are in occupation of three districts: The Huron or Wyandot group to the north, in Canada; the Iroquois Confederacy, principally of New York and the Susquehanna and allied tribes of Pennsylvania with the Cherokees and Tuscaroras farther south. The Tuscaroras in 1713 joined the Confederacy, making the sixth nation of the Iroquois league.

In the course of time the two families, Iroquois and Algonquin, once friends and allies, became deadly enemies. At first the Algonquin tribes, being more numerous and masters of the greater area, were dominant and drove the Iroquois of this region out of the valley of the St. Lawrence, but the Iroquois, by their union, their valor and their greater civilization soon became superior, as did also the Susquehannas, or Iroquois of Pennsylvania, over the Delawares and the other Algie tribes of this State.

The Romans of the New World.

By far the most interesting of all the Indian families were the Iroquois, particularly the Confederacy, sometimes called the "Romans of the New World." The Confederacy included, originally, five nations: Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagoes, Cayugas and Senecas, to which the Tuscaroras were

afterwards added. It was organized near the close of the Sixteenth century. The historical record accredits the organization to Thannawage, an aged Mohawk chief. The legendary account gives Tarenjawagen—presumably the same name—as a divinity who visited the earth as Hiawatha. His words, addressed to the assembled nations on a hill-slope overlooking Lake Onondago, reveal the purpose of the Confederation.

"We have met, members of many nations, many of you having come a great distance from your homes, to provide for our common safety. To oppose by tribes or single-handed, our foes from the north would result in our destruction. We must unite as a common band of brothers and then we shall be safe. You, Mohawks, sitting under the shadow of great trees, whose roots sink deep into the earth, and whose branches spread over the vast country, shall be the first nation, because you are warlike and mighty. You, Oneidas, a people who lean your bodies against the everlasting stone that cannot be moved, shall be the second nation, because you give good counsel. You, Onondagas, who have your habitation by the side of the great mountain, and are overshadowed by its crags, shall be the third nation, because you are greatly gifted in speech and powerful in war. You, Cayugas, whose dwelling-place is the dark forest and whose home is everywhere, shall be the fourth nation, because of your superior cunning in hunting. And you, Senecas, a people who live in the open country and possess much wisdom, shall be the fifth nation because you understand the art of making cabins, and of raising corn and beans. You five great and mighty nations must combine and have one common interest and then no foe shall be able to subdue us. If we unite, the Great Spirit will smile upon us. Brothers, these are the words of Hiawatha. Let them sink into your hearts."

It was a wonderfully complete organization, evidencing a certain nobility of character, an astonishing degree of diplomacy, and an amount of civilization far in advance of the usual savage state. It was a simple democracy, communistic in form. To obviate the tendency to idleness and indifference naturally incident to communism, great stress was laid on achievement. He was most important who was most useful to his fellowman. A variety of tribal offices, nearly two thousand in number, from the president of the league to the subordinate officers of the individual tribes and clans were inaugurated, and selection and promotion, practically made by the people, were the result of careful investigation and "constant discussion of the virtues and the abilities of all the male members of the clans from boyhood to old age." It was an excellent though savage embodiment of the principle now in vogue as civil service reform.

The laws of the league, civil and religious, were such as to preclude the possibility of conflicts and dissensions among themselves, which, before the organization of the league, prevailed to some extent. And while most historians tell us they waged war and engaged in furious combat, overran and conquered all the land between the Atlantic and the Mississippi, from Canada to the Carolinas, they were at peace with themselves and one body politic. Their numbers were so comparatively few, considering the territory they overran, their spirit and dash so resistless, considering the odds, often so unequal, that someone has made the interesting assertion that, had the discovery of America been postponed one hundred years, it would have found the Iroquois, or "New World Romans," the masters of North America, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Conclusions of ethnologists would seem somewhat to disprove this statement, for they claim that the Indians were not nomadic nor distinctly warlike until after the appearance of the white man, and though the Iroquois

fully deserved the title bestowed on them, their nomadic and distinctly warlike qualities did not antedate the latter part of the Sixteenth century.

Tribes That Inhabited Pennsylvania.

The Iroquois Confederacy, by conquest, owned Pennsylvania, but they did not occupy it or give it much consideration until after Penn had established his colony. The Delawares and Shawnees were the principal parties to the treaties with the proprietaries for half a century before the Iroquois put in a claim. The Shawnees held most of the Indian deeds and treaty belts for a long time, showing the important place they held in the estimation of the Indians. The Minisinks occupied the territory north of the Delaware, above the Lehigh hills. These, with the Ganaway or Conoys, were the principal Algonquin tribes of Pennsylvania familiar to the council fires of Easton, Philadelphia and Lancaster.

The Lenni Lenape, or Delawares, claimed that the Iroquois obtained their conquest over them by treachery. Their story runs that the two nations, being at war, fought long and desperately; both sides won and lost equally; neither side was willing to give up, but the Iroquois, becoming tired of fighting, induced the Delawares to "make women of themselves" under false pretenses. It was a custom among the Indians, if war proved too prolonged, or very destructive to life, for the women to make overtures of peace. Their injunctions were always considered with great respect and reverence. This office of peacemaker the Delawares claimed the Iroquois urged them to assume, bringing to bear plausible tales and specious flattery, in which the dignity and honor of the peace-maker were emphasized, while nothing derogatory to courage or valor accrued. These conditions, the Delawares said, they accepted; but after the ceremony at Albany, in 1617, where the metamorphosis took place in the presence of the Dutch settlers, the Iroquois assumed over them all the rights of conquerors, treating them and speaking of them as having been made women, arrogating to themselves the rights of protection and command.

This version is altogether discredited by historians. It would be impossible, according to their verdict, for a nation like the Delawares to be tricked into any such arrangement. The Iroquois were skillful enough to force the Delawares to their terms of surrender. Later, during the French and Indian War, the Delawares, by their valor, forced the Iroquois to recognize them as men and warriors.

A Renowned Tribe of Local Interest.

A tribe of Indians in whom the Iroquois found a match were the Susquehannas. They are considered to have been a branch of the Huron-Iroquois family and inhabited one of the three districts occupied by Iroquois stock, though they never joined the Confederacy. There is considerable confusion to the historian attending the placing of this tribe. They were probably the ancient Mingoes, and may have included representatives of other tribes, at one time or another absorbed in them. They were called Andastes by the French, under which name Schoolcraft gives an interesting historical sketch. They were called Susquehannas in Maryland and Virginia, and Minquas by the Dutch and Swedes. After their conquest by the Iroquois the remnant were called Conestogoes by Penn, from the township which was their special reservation, enforced on them by their conquerors. This township in 1729 became the present Lancaster county.

The name Conestogo seems to have applied to this tribe of Indians long before Penn applied it to them. Evidently the stream and township originally may have taken their name from them. They seem to have some features in common with the Allegewi. They were of gigantic size, (Captain John Smith, in 1608, when on an exploring expedition at the mouth of the Susquehanna, met representatives of this tribe whom he described as of gigantic stature and of magnificent proportions); they were also a warrior tribe, having fortifications and intrenchments for defense; (this we will find later was not a general characteristic of the Indians), and they were renowned in the days of their glory for their valor and undaunted bravery "who, when fighting, never fled, but stood like a wall as long as there was one remaining."

Their palisaded town was on a steep mountain, difficult of access. They had guns and small cannon for defense and were practically impregnable in their mountain fastness. Isolated as they were, they kept the various surrounding Algonquin tribes in complete subjection, so that they did not dare to go to war against them. At the close of the Sixteenth century they were at war with the Mohawks, who suffered almost complete annihilation at their hands. In May, 1663, they were engaged with the Senecas, and with the odds sixteen to one, a little band of one hundred of them (the main body having been absent on an expedition to Maryland), defended themselves in their fort, then sallied out in vigorous onslaught, routed the enemy and put them to flight. Later they engaged with the Iroquois, en league, in as furiously contested warfare as history ever chronicled or human passion and the glory of arms ever contrived. Their encounters were, indeed, desperate, and though their forces were much reduced by smallpox, they were frequently victorious against overwhelming odds.

They were finally defeated and conquered. In 1675 the Iroquois, urged and aided by Maryland and Virginia troops under Major Trueman and Colonel Washington (grandfather of General Washington), who perpetrated, at this time, an act of treachery that later was responsible for Bacon's rebellion, reduced the Susquehannas to complete subjection and forced them to return to their original lands along the Susquehanna.

Scarcely twelve years before the Susquehannas had stood an impregnable frontier to the attempted invasion of the Senecas, who threatened extermination to the Maryland colonists. It is not to be wondered at that, when the opportunity presented itself, these Indians sought revenge. For more than three-fourths of a century the Conestogoes lived on their lands along the Susquehanna, held treaties with Penn and the proprietaries, with whom they were always favorites, and lived on very friendly terms; but they deteriorated rapidly and finally became a mere band of predatory beggars.

It is possible that part of the Susquehannas were absorbed in the Six Nations, when settlement of Senecas, Cayugas, Oneidas and Tuscaroras were gradually formed along both sides of the Susquehanna, but in 1775 all that were left of that once haughty tribe were conveyed, by John Ross, by proprietary order, to the special reservation of five hundred acres in Manor township, where they lived until 1763, when, but twenty in number, they were barbarously murdered by the gang known as the Paxton boys.

Their glory was, indeed, departed long before their extermination, but as their historian says: "their name will be perpetuated by their noble river, which is a more enduring memorial than the perishable monuments erected by man." Even their fallen estate is perpetuated in the smaller stream, Conestoga, suggestive of their diminished glory, nature seemingly averse to forget these favorite children of her forests.

Indian Characteristics Before the Appearance of the White Man.

Ethnologists and archeologists tell us that the Indians, before the appearance of the white man, led rather a sedentary life, and developed agricultural pursuits toward which they were fast progressing from the hunter state, and, although they did not stay at any one place the whole year 'round, they had their homes and villages, to which they returned after their hunting excursions. While the Indians of the plains west of the Mississippi were more or less of a roving disposition, this is certainly not true of the Indians east of the Mississippi. A system of government like that in vogue among the Iroquois would not admit of extensive wandering, all of which had to be accomplished on foot, expert and hardy runners though they were. They had wars, and some of the tribes had distinct organizations for purposes of war, and though in general their wars were not exceedingly destructive to life, in some exceptional instances whole tribes were almost annihilated by prolonged and deadly combat. This was the case in the instance of the Allegewi. Such wars were the result of encroachments on each other's hunting grounds or fisheries, or were due to superstitious prejudices. In some instances they were instigated by revenge, but never for mere purposes of conquest. More often their differences were settled by treaty methods. Arbitration and reciprocity, in a rude way, were methods used by the Indians.

The introduction of the fire-arms and horses of the Europeans made the nomadic and distinctly warlike qualities of the Indians possible, and at the same time inculcated their predatory habits. When furs and skins acquired a commercial value the habits and habitats of the Indians changed completely. The Iroquois became the "Romans of the New World," but it was their special adaptability to the new conditions that gained for them the title.

The training of the red man through long ages fitted him pre-eminently for fighting. It must be remembered that in the savage state hunting and fishing are not considered recreation, but the ultimate of extreme labor. When the Indians left the female portion of the tribe at home in fixed habitations to the agricultural and domestic pursuits, it was the lighter tasks that were left them. And, if, on the march they carried the burdens, it was to let the men free to attack or defend. The Indians had the greatest reverence and respect for their women. It was through motherhood that the line of ancestry was traced. Their weapons of stone and wood and bone required great skill and exertion to render them often effective in hand-to-hand encounter. Moreover, to match the treacherous assault of the panther, to track the deer or the elk, to discover the haunts of the bear, and outwit the cunning of the beaver, to encounter the wolves and other wild beasts of the forest, made it a necessity to develop qualities of stealth, alertness, endurance, treachery and cunning, so that to dart hither and thither silently, under cover, and to hide successfully, to know where and when to attack and retreat, to follow a trail with almost as keen a scent as the bloodhound, became to the Indian an instinct. When the white man put into the hand of his red brother of the forest the deadly weapons of European warfare, his fighting qualifications were practically unlimited and it was almost an impossibility to defeat him, odds as to numbers being scarcely a consideration until the colonist himself had grown somewhat into the Indian methods, or could entice him from his forest haunts. Not that the savages were superior in warfare to the soldiers who, in many instances, were the flower of European armies, but they knew how to hide, to sneak and to skulk, to stealthily strike and run away.

In justice to the Indians, facts seem to warrant the assertion that these qualities, developed to cope with wild beasts of the forest, for the purpose of sustenance and defense, were brought into requisition against the white man in imitation of his own policy.

Authorities consulted and compared: Colonial Records of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Archives, Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, Schoolcraft, "Archives of Original Knowledge," Egle's "History of Pennsylvania," Winsor's "Narrative and Critical History of America," and smaller encyclopedic articles.

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

Lancaster, Pa., May 4, 1917.

The regular meeting of the Lancaster County Historical Society was held at the usual place and time. President F. R. Diffenderffer called the meeting to order; the secretary being absent, I. C. Arnold was elected secretary, pro tem.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Stiegel stove plate, with date 1769 thereon, was presented, through Rev. J. E. Whitteker, by Frank Creager, formerly of Lancaster, Pa., now of Indiana.

Mrs. J. H. Rathfon presented two silk badges—one with the portrait of General Jackson, and the other a poem from the Italian, printed on silk.

The librarian reported the following books and periodicals received by the society during the past month by donation and exchange, to wit: A bound volume of Atkinson's Saturday Evening Post of 1833; copies of "Christian Repository," of years 1822 and 1824; The New York Weekly of 1870; issues of Philadelphia Press of December, 1879, and several single copies of other papers, donated by Dr. J. P. Zeigler, of Mt. Joy, Pa.

"The Shippen Book," consisting of letters and papers relating to the provincial history of Pennsylvania, compiled and edited by Thomas Balch. Presented by his son, Thomas Willing Balch, of Philadelphia.

Cambridge Historical Society proceedings, January, 1915, to October, 1916. Linden Hall Echo, April, 1917.

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New York Historical Society Quarterly Bulletin.

Report of annual meeting of Lebanon County Historical Society, December 22, 1916.

Annual Report of State Superintendent of Public Printing.

Third report of Henry G. Long Asylum, Lancaster, Pa.

Proceedings of Eleventh Annual Conference of Historical Societies at Chicago, Dec. 31, 1914. Presented by Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D. C.

Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, April, 1917, from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to the respective donors above mentioned.

Charles A. B. Zook, of Lancaster, was nominated by Hon. C. I. Landis for membership in the society.

On motion of A. K. Hostetter, the following persons, nominated at the last meeting of the society, were elected members of the society, to wit: Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Leshner, Alderman A. K. Spurrier, Albert M. Herr, Mrs. Annie E. Hemper and R. H. Gochnauer.

On motion of D. F. Magee, Esq., the following resolution was adopted: That it is the sense of this society that the papers read before the society shall be printed, bound and delivered at the next meeting of the society after

being read, and that the numbers now back be brought up to date as soon as possible, and that the publishers be notified of this action.

The matter of arrangements for the summer outing of the society, and action as to the proposed Centennial celebration to be held in Lancaster, were referred to the executive committee.

Miss Adaline B. Spindler then read a very interesting paper, entitled "Our Aboriginal Predecessors."

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to Miss Spindler for the paper read.

Executive Committee Meeting.

May 4, 1917.

The Executive Committee of the Lancaster County Historical Society met immediately after adjournment of the society.

The chairman of the committee appointed A. K. Hostetter, D. F. Magee, Esq., and J. L. Summy, a committee to confer with Hon. J. Hay Brown and Mrs. Brown, as to time, etc., of holding the summer outing at their home as per invitation previously extended to the society.

The committee decided to postpone action as to the proposed celebration of the Centennial of Lancaster.

The committee decided that it was not practical for the society to purchase the Hughes ax factory, etc., in Fulton township, on account of lack of funds to expend in that way.

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THE SERVICES OF PETER SMITH, REVOLUTIONARY HERO.

This is not the story of a great general nor has it to do with great deeds of valor, it is just the story of a man who wanted a good country to live in and who was willing, therefore, to help make a good country. As protection is one of the requisites of a good country, when protection was necessary Peter Smith was there. He was not a coward, he was not a laggard, part of the time he served without pay, endured severe hardships, yet returned, year after year, to the duty of protecting his country. This, then, is not the story of a great hero but a plain man who did his duty and did it without question. One of the many who when Congress had changed a name which read "United Colonies" to the "United States of America" helped by his unselfishness to make a possibility a certainty.

When General Washington changed his headquarters in April, 1776, from Cambridge to New York he was much concerned about two things, the affairs in Canada and the safety of New York. The British troops had left Boston and whether they would go north and join the Quebec campaign or come down and attempt to gain possession of New York was a matter for much conjecture. On June 10, 1776, in a letter to Congress he noted the fact that the enemy's troops were embarking, their destination being New York.¹ Two Pennsylvania battalions were ordered at once from Philadelphia to help with the fortifications.² Other companies were ordered to join Washington. But conditions were not satisfactory, as in the latter part of June Washington said concerning affairs at New York: "But few militia have yet come in, the whole being about twelve hundred, including the two battalions of this city and one company from the Jerseys. I wish the delay may not be attended with disagreeable consequences and their aid may not come too late, or when it may not be wanted."³ With not enough troops to hold New York and in anticipation of the enemy's possible possession, Washington realized that all that lay between New York and Philadelphia was the unprotected State of Jersey. This pressing need for defense brought into existence the Flying Camp and it was with this particular part of the Revolution that the services of Peter Smith had to do.

The Pennsylvania Archives acknowledge to very little data concerning the Flying Camp. As the companies comprising this part of the Army were hastily gotten together perhaps the rosters of the companies were not kept or if kept then not properly cared for and eventually lost. Nevertheless, we have manuscript record that one Captain Henry Hambright formed a company for the Flying Camp, and that Peter Smith, of Brecknock township, Lancaster county, enlisted in this company as a private. No record can be found of Captain Henry Hambright's company, hence this must be one of the missing link of information about the men who took part in the Jersey campaign. It is unfortunate that no other names are given of this company.

Captain Henry Hambright was a resident of Earl township.⁴ He was born April 11, 1749, died April 12, 1835, and is buried in the old Welsh graveyard in the township in which he lived.⁵ He was one of the officers of the Flying Camp listed for depreciation pay.⁶ It is quite probable that Captain Hambright formed his company in Earl township, and that Peter Smith came over from the neighboring township of Brecknock to join it.

In the latter part of June, 1776, mention was made of a Flying Camp, but it was not until July 5, 1776, that the Continental Congress gave it definite recognition. On that day they "resolved" that it should be "under the command of such continental general officers as the commander-in-chief shall direct."⁷ Washington replied to this, saying—"It is with great pleasure that I hear the militia from Maryland, the Delaware Government, and Pennsylvania, will be in motion every day to form the Flying Camp. It is of great importance, and should be accomplished with all possible despatch. The readiness and alacrity with which the committee of safety of Pennsylvania and the other conferees have acted in order to forward the associated militia of that State to the Jerseys for service, till the men to compose the Flying Camp arrive, strongly evidence their regard to the common cause, and that nothing on their part will be wanting to support it. I hope and I doubt not, that the associated militia, impressed with the expediency of the measure, will immediately carry it into execution and furnish in this instance a proof of the continuance of that zeal which has so eminently marked their conduct. I have directed the commissary to make the necessary provision for their reception, who will also supply the Army for the Flying Camp with rations. A proper officer will be appointed to command it."⁸

However, Peter Smith had not waited for Congress to resolve nor Washington to reply. A call had come from his country and to this he responded in May, 1776. According to his own statement he enlisted under Captain Henry Hambright in the Flying Camp and marched to Lancaster. Here the company remained for a week under drill and on guard, and after an examination marched to Philadelphia attached to Colonel Peter Grubb's Regiment. Hence, while Congress was trying to make the Flying Camp a reality, this company was at Philadelphia awaiting orders and was, no doubt, one of the first to take up its duties in Jersey. Many companies "destined for the camp in the "Jerseys" were mustered in at Lancaster during the latter part of July and in August, but Captain Hambright and his men were much in advance of these. The company remained at Philadelphia for about two weeks when it was attached to Colonel Glatz's Regiment and taken in boats up the Delaware to Trenton. In Washington's letter of July 10th, from which I have already quoted, he says—"General Mercer is now in the Jerseys, for the purpose of receiving and ordering the militia coming for the Flying Camp; and I have sent over our chief engineer to view the ground within the neighborhood of Amboy, and to lay out some necessary works for the encampment, and such as may be proper at the different passes in Bergen-Neck, and other places on the Jersey shore opposite Staten Island, to prevent the enemy making impressions, and committing depredations on the property of the inhabitants."⁹ Peter Smith says from Trenton they marched to Amboy where they remained seven weeks under drill and doing guard duty. Colonel Klotz's (Glatz) command at Perth Amboy, on October 8, 1776, consisted of thirteen commissioned officers, twelve non-commissioned officers and one hundred and twenty-five men.¹⁰ At the end of seven weeks they moved over to Staten Island but remained only twenty-four hours, returning to Amboy. After another week of guard duty, they were ordered to the North River where all of the troops were being concentrated. Washington, appreciating a desperate situation, was making a

last stand to keep the enemy out of Jersey. This failed, for the British took Fort Washington on November 15th, and the retreat through Jersey began. Captain Hambright's company had been about four weeks along the North River when Fort Washington was lost, and according to Peter Smith's statement when the commanding officer gave orders to retreat, they marched to the Hackensac River and then to Newark. Here they remained for two weeks "nearly destitute of provisions." General Washington was in Newark, for he wrote from there on November 23d, that "the situation of our affairs is truly critical * * *."¹¹ He also asked for money to pay the troops of the Flying Camp. From Newark the company moved to Trenton by way of Elizabeth. Colonel Klotz's (Glatz) Battalion, of which Captain Hambright's company was a part, on December 1st, at Trenton contained nineteen commissioned officers, twelve non-commissioned officers and one hundred and thirty-eight men.¹² Washington arrived at Trenton on December 2d, and immediately ordered all military and other stores and baggage to the other side of the Delaware. Peter Smith assisted in carrying out this command, for during the time he was at Trenton he was busy conveying soldiers, arms and boards to Bordentown. On the seventh Washington was compelled to retreat to the Pennsylvania side of the river and two days later informed Congress that all troops had been moved over as well as all the stores with the exception of a few boards.

Then began the activity along the Delaware which formed the setting for one of the notable events of the Revolution. Washington had plenty of cause to feel disheartened, but undaunted he continued to make preparations to withstand the enemy. Up and down the river bank he went posting his soldiers at any and all possible places of crossing. By December 13th, he had "General Ewing, with the Flying Camp, of Pennsylvania, and a few Jersey troops under General Dickinson," stationed "from Yardley's ferry down to the ferry opposite Bordentown."¹³ Colonel Cadwalladar, with the Pennsylvania militia, and Colonel Nixon, with the Third Battalion, of Pennsylvania, held positions below Bordentown. The situation, as time passed, became more discouraging. Washington was less hopeful and wrote "That I should dwell upon the subject of our distresses, cannot be more disagreeable to Congress than it is painful to myself. The alarming situation to which our affairs are reduced impels me to the measure."¹⁴ The next day, December 25th, he told Robert Morris in a letter:—"I agree with you that it is vain to ruminate upon, or even reflect upon, the authors or causes of, our present misfortunes; we should rather exert ourselves, and look forward with hopes that some lucky chance may yet turn up in our favor."¹⁵ And that very day Fate was standing by with the "lucky chance" in her hand; ready to turn the tide, not of the Delaware, but of events which would bring cheer to the commander-in-chief as well as the people of America.

In the letter to Morris was not the slightest hint of the coup Washington was planning. Yet there was, within a few hours, as the darkness came on, the movement of soldiers and of artillery, the contentions with water and ice, there was delay and then too soon the daylight. But Fate was smiling and Washington won.

In the meanwhile, where was Peter Smith? Capricious Fate, smiling in one place and frowning in another. Here was the great opportunity given Peter Smith to serve his country, yet Peter Smith was not serving. He was down at the ferry opposite Bordentown having a case of the mumps. And good reason he had for it to, for while erecting huts for Winter quarters many a night he had to lay in the snow. Had this been the only reason for not being at Trenton when most necessary, it would have been sufficient. A

second reason, more inexorable, prevented, not one but all of the men of the Bordentown encampment from assisting Washington with the victory which stopped the British and then turned them back toward New York. The ice in the river proved a big factor in the affairs around Trenton that night. Fortunately, it was possible for Washington to conquer this circumstance, but Generals Ewing and Cadwallader with their men, farther down the river, were not able to master the situation. They could not cross the Delaware and hence could not carry out the commands of Washington, and though the British were driven from Trenton the victory would have been greater had the two Generals with the Pennsylvania troops been on the other side of the river. The enemy at Trenton consisted of three Hessians regiments and a troop of British light horse which when attacked took the road toward Bordentown. Washington's account explains the situation definitely. He said "These," meaning the enemy, "would likewise have fallen into our hands could my plan have been completely carried into execution. General Ewing was to have crossed before day at Trenton ferry and taken possession of the bridge leading out of town; but the quantity of ice was so great, that, though he did everything in his power to effect it, he could not get over. This difficulty also hindered General Cadwalladar from crossing with the Pennsylvania militia from Bristol. He got part of his foot over; but finding it impossible to embark his artillery, he was obliged to desist. I am fully confident that, could the troops under Generals Ewing and Cadwalladar have passed the river, I should have been able with their assistance to have driven the enemy from all their posts below Trenton."¹² And a second time he referred to this circumstance by saying that—"Had it not been for the unhappy failure of Generals Ewing and Cadwalladar in their attempts to pass on the night of the twenty-fifth—and if the several concerted attacks could have been made—I have no doubt but that our views would have succeeded to our warmest expectations."¹³ Regarding the affairs of that night Peter Smith wrote—"A battle was fought on Christ. Hof. by Genl. Washington at Trenton, and our Officers gave orders to march back to Trenton to take part in the engagement. We could not cross on account of the ice and I lay sick at the time." It is regrettable that the Pennsylvania troops, under Generals Ewing and Cadwalladar, more especially our Lancaster county men of the Flying Camp, could not have had the distinction of assisting Washington at the Battle of Trenton, but they had to bow to the fact that small circumstances often govern big cases.

The Regiment, of which Captain Hambricht's Company was a part, returned to Trenton on January 1, 1777, and here Peter Smith received his discharge from Captain Hambricht. He went to Philadelphia for his pay and received none. He remained there a week and then "sold a coat and a pair of pants to raise money" to take him back to Brecknock township. He returned home after seven months of service, without glory and without pay. Later he was paid in continental currency which depreciated and he received nothing from this source. Among the soldiers of the Flying Camp listed for depreciation pay was one Smith, marked "private," but the first name is missing.¹³

The hardships of the Jersey campaign had evidently not daunted the spirit of the man who was willing to serve his country. In the Fall of 1777, Peter Smith returned again to service, this time, however, to do the duty of another man. He went as a substitute for Henry Geyer, in Captain Isaac Adams' company of militia. As the British now occupied Philadelphia and vicinity this company was detailed for guard duty, first at Newton Square and later near Chestnut Hill, where light skirmishes took place in which the Pennsylvania militia had a part. Captain Adams made a report of his "Company of Lancas-

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ter County Militia now in the service of the United States" from Whitmarsh on December 9, 1777. In it is the following record—"Peter Smith—Entered Oct. 22d.—Subte."¹⁹ After two months of duty he received his discharge from Captain Adams and returned to Brecknock township. In the next year, 1778, he was drafted for another two months of guard duty. This time he was with Captain John Lutz whose company, after marching to Lebanon, was attached to Colonel Curtis Grubb's Regiment. Having served his time, he received his discharge and returned home. Again, after this, he was drafted, but as he gives no details concerning this part of his service we can willingly omit it, feeling that he had already done what duty had required.

Appended hereto is a copy of the original paper which contains Peter Smith's account of his services in the Revolution. It is the property of Miss Anna M. Weaver, a descendant of Peter Smith and a member of this Society.

"Peter Smith, of Ephrata, a soldier of the Revolution. I lived in Brecknock Tp. L. C., in May 1776, I enlisted under Cap. Henry Hambright, in the Flying Camp I marched to Lancaster where we remained for one week, under drill and on guard after an examination we marched to Phila. attached to Col. Peter Grubs Regiment where we remained for upwards of two weeks, Cap. Hambrights com. to which I belonged was then attached to Col. Glatz's Regt. we were then taken on boats and sailed to Trenton, from there we marched to Amboy in the State of New Jersey. We remained seven weeks in Amboy under drill and on guard. Were then taken across to Staten Island where we remained for about 24 hours, were then sailed back again to Amboy. We remained one week in Amboy under drill and on guard. We then marched under command of Col. Glatz to Bunkers Hill on North River—for about four weeks during our stay at this place the British took Fort Washington, and our Com. G Officer gave orders to retreat. We first marched to Hackensack river, from there to New Wark where we remained for 2 weeks nearly destitute of Provisions, we then marched to Elizabeth Town, in Jersey from there we marched to Trenton on the Del. river. We remained about 2 weeks at this place during which time I was engaged in conveying soldiers arms and Boards to Bordenton where we erected Huts for to take up Winter quarters, many a night I had to lay in the snow and I got the mumps which was very severe on me. (We remained in Bordenton till Christmas, a Battle was fought on Christ. Hol. by Genl. Washington, at Trenton, and our Officers gave orders to march back to Trenton to take part in the engagement, we could not cross on account of the ice and I lay sick at the time). The prisoners were taken to Philadelphia and our Regt. ret'd. to Burdonton and remained one week then returned to Trenton on the 1st Jany. 1777, I here got my discharge from Cap. Henry Hambright and went to Phila. for my pay after remaining there for a week I went home without a cent in my pocket and I sold a coat and a pair of Pants to raise money to take me home. I then went home to Breck—Tp. L. C. after having ser'd. a Tour of 7 months I was paid in continental money which depreciated, and I never rec'd. a cent. In the month of Sep. 1777, I went as a Substitute for Henry Geyer in Capt. Isaac Adams comp. of Militia to Lancaster. Remained one week from there to near Darby in Chester or Delaware called Newton Square we remained about 3 weeks at this place were then taken across the Schuylkill to near Chest Hill until our tour of two months was up (here we were on guard) I got a discharge from Cap Adams which I have lost then went home to Breck-Tp. I was then drafted for one Tour of 2 months as a Mil in Cap John Lutzs camp the Lieut name was John Ream. We started from home in the month of July, 1778, and marched to Lebanon then Dauphin county where I was attached to Col Curtis Grubbs Regt I was on guard and

discharged which is lost—from where I returned home—I was afterwards drafted and paid."

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SOME HISTORICAL MISTAKES CORRECTED.

You have all observed on the front cover page of our little magazine, as it reaches you from month to month, the motto we have adopted: It reads—

"History herself, as seen in her own workshop." If the question be asked what is history? a brief answer might be given, like this: "It is a narrative or record of facts and events chronologically arranged, together with their causes and effects. The story of the doings of mankind since its appearance upon the earth." The principle—the all important element in history is truth; lacking that it is worthless and of no value whatever. Such being the case, I hold it to the duty of this society to strike down error and present the truth whenever these elements present themselves. In accordance with this view the following facts are laid before you:

In The New Era of Saturday, August 25, on page 12, appeared an article purporting to give a sketch of the Reformed Church, at Maytown, in this county, which was celebrating the 152nd anniversary of its founding. Numerous statements are made therein that are not in accordance with the facts as they have been brought out and recorded by competent investigators and historians, and I believe this society in accordance with its principles, no less than its positive duty, should expose the errors and proclaim the truth. As no one has come forward to assume the task, and no correction has appeared in the newspaper, the writer of this, who has an ancestor lying in the cemetery attached to the church in question, has assumed the task.

The first error is the direct statement that the Maytown congregation is "the oldest rural Reformed Church in Lancaster county." Running back the 152 years when it is claimed the congregation was founded, carries us to 1765 as the date of that event.

1. Now what are the facts in the case? "Hill Church," formerly "Hellers" and now Salem," in Upper Leacock township, was founded in 1725, and built a church before 1739.

2. "Cocalico" congregation, now "Bethany," near Ephrata, was founded in 1730. First log church built before 1739.

3. "Muddy Creek" founded in East Cocalico township about 1730.

4. Zeltenreich congregation, near New Holland, in Earl township, founded about 1732. First church built prior to 1744.

5. "Reyers" now "Zions" at Brickerville, in Elizabeth township, founded about 1732.

6. "White Oak," in Penn township, about 1747, church built about 1748.

7. "Little Cocalico" now "Swamp Church," in West Cocalico township, founded in 1749. Here we have no fewer than seven organized Reformed Church congregations in Lancaster county, antedating the Maytown congregation of 1765. All these facts are clearly set forth, with proofs, in Dr. W. J.

Hinke's most excellent "Life and Letters of John Phillip Boehm." Surely such glaring errors should not be allowed to pass unnoticed.

But the foregoing is not all. When we come to the matter of church organs, we are told in the same article that the pipe organ now in the Maytown Church was dedicated on the Christmas day of 1808, and was "the first pipe organ in Lancaster county!" This organ we are told was the work of one Gottlieb Stralheim, a skilled mechanic from the old country. Did the writer of that paragraph never hear of David Tannenburg, the greatest organ builder of his time in the Middle States? He came to America with his family in 1765, located in the village of Lititz, having purchased the Pilgerhaus as a residence and manufactory. In such repute were his organs that calls for them came from afar, from Albany, Baltimore, Philadelphia and other places. How many organs he built I do not know, but as he was hard at work for a period of 39 years we may safely assume they were many. And now as to the Maytown claim for having the "first pipe organ in Lancaster county." What are the facts? A pipe organ was built for the First Reformed Church of Lancaster in 1769. It cost \$668. Tannenburg built it. But even that was not the first one. Witham Marshe's diary, written in 1744, tells us "there was a very poor organ in this church and badly played by the organist."

Trinity Lutheran Church, at Lancaster, still has in service one of Tannenburg's organs. I do not know the year it was put there, but John Ambury, a British prisoner at Lancaster, in 1778, says in his narrative as follows, of this organ: "Largest pipe organ in America, now in use in the Lancaster Church. Some of the officers went to hear this wonderful piece of mechanism and sent descriptions of it to their homes. The manufacturer had made every part of it with his own hands. It had not only every pipe and stop, but had some pipes of amazing circumference, and had keys to be played by the feet in addition to the regular stops."

Lastly I mention the large pipe organ in St. Stephen's Reformed, in New Holland, and also made by Tannenburg in 1800 or 1801 at a cost of \$333.38. All these splendid instruments were in place before the Maytown organ; one of them ante-dates it by 64 years or more. In a remodeled condition they are still giving excellent service.

NOTE. Since the foregoing article was written and read before our Society several facts have been brought to my notice, which in common fairness deserve to be stated. Although no name was signed to the newspaper article to which my own remarks refer, the inference might naturally be drawn that it came from the pen of the pastor, the Rev. W. J. Lowe, who is referred to therein.

I am informed by one fully acquainted with all the facts and authorized to state them, that Pastor Lowe was not the author of the various misstatements. On the contrary, I have been shown a pamphlet written by him and distributed at the recent congregation celebration, in which the actual dates and facts relative to the church's early and later history seem to be carefully stated, and in which the errors in the newspaper sketch do not appear.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 5.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lancaster County Historical Society was held in their rooms at the A. Herr Smith Library on Friday evening, October 5. President F. R. Diffenderffer occupied the chair and appointed the librarian to serve as secretary pro tem., on account of the enforced absence of the latter official. There was an encouraging attendance of members, considering the inclemency of the weather.

The paper of the evening was "The Services of Peter Smith, Revolutionary Soldier," by Miss Lottie M. Bausman, and was accorded considerable applause. The author told the story of a Brecknock township patriot who served gallantly as a member of the famous "Flying Camp" of Jersey, during the activities of the British between New York City and Philadelphia. Smith enlisted in 1776 under Capt. Henry Hambright, of Earl township, in 1777 under Capt. Isaac Adams in the Lancaster county militia doing guard duty near Philadelphia, and again enlisted later under Capt. John Lutz. Smith saw active service in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania, part of the time under Col. Curtis Grubb. A brief discussion of the subject followed and President Diffenderffer told interestingly how when he was a mere boy his grandfather, a Revolutionary soldier, related to him the story of the activities of the Lancaster county troops in Washington's famous Delaware river campaigns.

NOMINATED.

The following twelve persons were nominated for membership in the society: Rev. and Mrs. William J. Lowe, and Miss M. Ethel Culp, all of Maytown; Gideon S. Eberly, of Akron, Pa.; John H. Stotler, of Eaton, O.; Miss Amanda Landes, of the Millersville State Normal School; Samuel Eby, of Salunga; Jacob H. Erb, of Lititz; G. L. Fondersmith, of Lancaster; Mrs. H. N. Howell, of No. 126 East Chestnut street; Miss Mary T. Donnelly, of East King and Duke streets, and Frank J. Everts, of the Woolworth building.

Treasurer A. K. Hostetter, of the Historical Society Outing Committee, gave a brief account of that delightful event at the Paradise Presbyterian Church and "Oak Hill" on September 6.

The finding of a water-color drawing of the arch erected across King street for the celebration in honor of Lafayette's visit to Lancaster in 1825 was announced. This picture is in the possession of Miss Mary E. Lichty, of Lancaster. A fine reproduction of the same by Miss Laura Steigerwalt was shown the members at the meeting.

Judge Charles I. Landis, of the Feree Monument Committee, reported that the Pennsylvania Railway Company officials have given the society permission to erect on their land the marker commemorating the settlement of Huguenots near Paradise.

The society voted that the library committee be empowered to regulate the price of back numbers of the society publications for both members and others.

Corresponding Secretary Miss Martha B. Clark read a letter from the

Lutheran Historical Exhibit Committee requesting that old books or other relics be sent to this church exhibition in the building of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, October 24 to 31. Miss Clark also read a communication from Secretary S. P. Hellman, of the Lebanon County Historical Society, relative in part to certain facts of local historical interest.

The librarian announced an unusually large number of recent contributions to the library and museum in the way of exchanges, books, pamphlets, and various curios, as having come to hand since the June meeting.

The Year Book of the Pennsylvania Society, 1917, from the Pennsylvania Society of New York; Semi-Centennial Souvenir History of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jersey Shore, Pa., from the pastor, Rev. A. E. Cooper; The New York Historical Society Quarterly Bulletin; The Pennsylvania Magazine, July, 1917, from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; Registration Regulations Prescribed by the President Under Authority of the Act of Congress Approved May 18, 1917, from Recording Secretary Charles B. Hollinger; Transactions of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, Vol. 22; The Louisiana Historical Quarterly, January, 1917, from the Louisiana Historical Society; The Linden Hall Echo, Nos. 8-10; Book of Memories of St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Middletown, Penna., from D. P. Dearrick, D.D.S., of Middletown; Programme of the Feast of Roses at Manheim, June 10, 1917; Schedule of Instruction of the Reserve Officers' Training Camp at Fort Niagara, from Conrad Clever Muehe, of Lancaster; Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, Nos. 2-6, 1917; The Journal of American History, Second Quarter, 1917, from the National Historical Society; The National Service Handbook, from the Committee on Public Information, Washington, D. C.; The True Story of "Jennie" Wade, a Gettysburg Maid, from the author, J. W. Johnston, of Rochester, N. Y.; Programme of Annual Reunions of the Donegal Presbyterian Church—June 15, 1916, and June 21, 1917, from the Donegal Society; Ninety Links, an anniversary prospectus of Hager & Brother's Store, from Walter C. Hager; Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia, Nos. 2 and 3, 1917; "Our Starry Emblem of the Free," "From Out the Past" and "The Perfect End of a Day," three poems from the author, David Bachman Landis; The Washington Historical Quarterly, No. 3, 1917, from the Washington University State Historical Society, Seattle; The Life and Services of Gen. John Philip de Hass, 1735-1786, from the Lebanon County Historical Society; The James Sprunt Historical Publications, from the North Carolina Historical Society; German American Annals, Nos. 3 and 4, 1917, from the German American Historical Society; Publications of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1916; old copies of New York American Journal, Philadelphia North American, and New York American newspapers, from Uhler H. Dunlap; Bookplate of the Vermont Historical Society, from the Librarian; St. John's Messenger, June and September, 1917, from Rev. Geo. Israel Browne.

The Historical Society is also indebted to Miss Lillian S. Evans, of Columbia, for the following erstwhile possessions of her own and of her father, the late Samuel Evans, of Columbia:

A framed picture of John C. Fremont; Benton's Abridgment of the Debates of Congress (16 volumes bound in calf), 1789 to 1850; eight volumes of Appleton's Annual Encyclopaedia of Historical Events; miscellaneous copies of the American Monthly Magazine, published by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1892-1909, with the "constitution and by-laws" of the organization; The History of Charles XII of Sweden, by Voltaire; The History of the Netherlands; Life of Gen. James A. Beaver; The History of France; "The Charter and Constitution of the Colonial Society of

Pennsylvania;" The Conquest of Kansas by Missouri and Her Allies; Outlines of History From the Earliest Period to 1831; The Second Book of History for Children and Youth, published by Charles J. Hendee, at Boston, in 1837; The History of England from the Invasion of Julius Caesar to the Revolution in 1688, by David Hume; The American Revolution; Goodrich-Parley's Common School History of the World, published in 1869; A True Relation of Virginia, by Capt. John Smith; A List of Members of the Hibernian Society and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick from 1771 to 1884; Memoir of the Life of John Quincy Adams, by Josiah Quincy; Barnes' Directory of Lancaster City, 1875-76; An Authentic History of Lancaster County; a copy of the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography No. 1, of 1880; miscellaneous publications of the American Catholic Society from 1891 to 1898; a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the Revolution, various publications of the organization from 1905 to 1908, and a register of the District of Columbia Society; pamphlets of the first and the nineteenth annual meetings of the Pennsylvania Scotch-Irish Society; the History of France and Navarre, published in New York in 1805; Norman's New Orleans and Environs, published in 1845; Lardner's History of England, Scotland and Ireland, published in 1830, in two volumes; A History of the United States, by John Russell, published for use in schools, in 1847; Lardner's Outlines of Universal History, published in 1835; Lardner's History of France, published in 1831; the History of England, by Thomas Babington Macaulay, published in 1849; The Bicknells and Their Family Reunion in 1880; The First Book of History for Children and Youth, published at Boston in 1847; The Under-Ground Railroad, by William Still; Records of the Court of New Castle on Delaware, 1676-1681, published by the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania; Genealogy of the Claypoole Family, of Philadelphia, 1588-1893; various issues of the following newspapers: New York Tribune of 1872 to 1875, The Columbia Herald of 1876 and 1877, The Lancaster Daily Evening Express of 1873, The New Era of 1884, The Carlisle American Volunteer of 1880, The New York Golden Age of 1871, The American Iron and Steel Association Bulletin of 1884, The Gettysburg Compiler of 1884, The Greensburg Tribune-Herald of 1882, and the New York Daily Graphic of 1875; a complete Leslie Historical Register of the Centennial Exposition in 1876, and a prospectus of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893; The American Conflict, by Horace Greeley, in two volumes; The United States Naval Astronomical Expedition to the Southern Hemisphere During the Years 1849-52, in two volumes, and the Narrative of the Expedition of an American Squadron to the China Seas and Japan, Performed in the Years 1852-1854 Under the Command of Commodore M. C. Perry, in three volumes.

Vice President H. Frank Eshleman donated to the society seventeen large volumes of American State Papers.

Through Vice President Charles I. Landis, Hicks' large picture "Authors of the United States," with a framed key to same, was presented to the society by H. F. Russell, of No. 135 East New street.

Miss Annie Albright, of No. 234 East Walnut street, presented a group portrait of her father, Jacob Albright, who was a veteran of the War of 1812, and his family; a pair of his old-fashioned extension-frame eye-glasses and wedding gloves; her mother, Anne Albright's prayer-book, published in 1850, which she used for many years in worship in old Bangor Church, at Churchtown, which stampings it plainly bears; a small pocket Bible Miss Albright used in the Strasburg Church, and the old Jacob Albright English family Bible, containing the family record, and published in Philadelphia in the year 1824.

C. T. Emmons, of No. 750 East Chestnut street, donated: A fine collection of several hundred Indian relics and other curios; interesting photographs of the moving and re-construction of the Pennsylvania Railway bridge across the Conestoga River directly east of Lancaster; some old legal and fraternal organization papers; a Garfield and Arthur Presidential campaign badge used in Columbia; several works on ethnology, anthropology and especially American Indian lore, being: The Report of the Bureau of Ethnology of 1882-83, and Smithsonian Institution reports of 1889; old Pennsylvania Railroad ticket sheet; a copy of the New York Herald containing an account of the assassination of President Lincoln; a copy of Father Abraham, published in Lancaster in 1870; a Columbia Spy "extra" of one page announcing the surrender of General Lee to Grant at Appomattox, a half dozen Civil War books: The Soldier's Manual of Devotion; Si Klegg, His Transformation From a Raw Recruit To a Veteran; Washington During War Time; The Struggle For Missouri; The Cannoneer, and Capturing a Locomotive; some rare and curious old books: New Hymns for Youth, bearing the date 1860; Lives, Exploits, and Cruelties of the Most Celebrated Pirates and Sea Robbers, Brought Down to the Latest Period, published at Halifax in 1856; The Union Clay Glee Book, a Choice Collection of Original and Select National Airs and Patriotic Songs, Compiled and Dedicated to The Whigs of the Union, by Samuel Witherow, at Gettysburg in 1844; Facts For Girls, published in 1848, and Walker's Critical Pronouncing Dictionary, published at Cincinnati, in 1810.

The Historical Society also received: The New York Historical Society Quarterly Bulletin No. 3, 1917; Report of the Commission Appointed To Codify and Revise the Law of Decedents' Estates, 1917; Pennsylvania State Treasurer's Annual and Detailed Reports, 1916; Pennsylvania Auditor General's Report, 1916; Report of the Pennsylvania State College from July 1, 1914, to June 30, 1915, and Report of the Board of Public Charities and Committee on Lunacy, 1915.

Prof. H. Justin Roddy, of Millersville, presented issues of The Normal Monthly—September, 1873, to August, 1876, complete save for the issue of July, 1874.

Dr. John W. Jordan, Librarian, donated: Two dozen pamphlets of the Pennsylvania State Historical Society proceedings, including a pamphlet dating back to 1846; Valley Forge Park Commission reports of 1912, 1914 and 1916; The August, 1917, Bulletin of the Alliance Francaise; memorial brochure on Henry Charles Lee, of the American Philosophical Society; Reproduction of a Letter of Gen. Anthony Wayne; a List of the Publications Issued in Pennsylvania from 1685 to 1759; the story of the Early Years of the University Barge Club of Philadelphia, and proceedings of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the Banquet to Commemorate the Framing and Signing of the Constitution of the United States.

Through President F. R. Diffenderffer, Rev. and Mrs. Harry I. Hartman donated "The Wreath," a small weekly publication printed in Lancaster seventy-two years ago, and now exceedingly rare, no other copy, so far as known, having come to light. It was found among the papers of Robert Pott, of Williamsport, when rescued it was badly used by time, being in four pieces. It was renovated, through Mr. Diffenderffer sending it to the Division of Public Records at Harrisburg.

The society accorded a hearty vote of thanks to all the donors.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 2.

The November meeting of the Lancaster County Historical Society was held, with a good attendance, in their rooms in the A. Herr Smith Library Building. President F. R. Diffenderffer, Litt.D., had charge and appointed the librarian to serve as secretary, because of the unavoidable absence of the latter official.

Twelve persons were elected to membership in the society. They are Rev. and Mrs. William J. Lowe and Miss M. Ethel Culp, all of Maytown; Gideon S. Eberly, of Akron, Pa.; John H. Stotler, of Eaton, O.; Miss Amanda Landes, of the Millersville State Normal School; Samuel Eby, of Salunga; Jacob H. Erb, of Lititz; G. L. Fondersmith, of Lancaster; Mrs. H. N. Howell, of No. 126 East Chestnut street; Miss Mary T. Donnelly, of East King and Duke streets, and Frank J. Everts of the Woolworth building.

Charles McMullen, of No. 153 North Duke street, was nominated for membership.

The following books and other periodicals were received for the Library during the past month: By purchase—"The Story of Lancaster: Old and New," written by William Riddle.

By exchange—"The Linden Hall Echo, October;" "The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, October," from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; "The Wisconsin Magazine of History, September," from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin; "Conservation of the Past," by Dr. H. M. J. Klein, from the Lebanon County Historical Society; "Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1916-1917;" "Acts and Proceedings of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies—1917;" "The Washington Historical Quarterly, October," from the Washington University State Historical Society.

By donation—"The United States at War," a pamphlet from the Library of Congress; "October Official Bulletins," from the Committee on Public Information, Washington, D. C.; June issues of the "Jersey Shore Herald;" "Calendar of the Papers of Franklin Pierce," from the Library of Congress; "Now and Then," 1890-91-92, a periodical by J. M. M. Gerner, Muncy, Pa., presented by A. K. Hostetter, of Lancaster; "Hubley Family Papers," from Julius Sacques, of Philadelphia; "Annual Report of the Pennsylvania State Secretary of Internal Affairs, 1916;" "Annual Report of the Pennsylvania State Commissioner on Banking, 1916," and also "The First Long Turnpike in the United States," written by Judge Charles I. Landis.

A hearty vote of thanks was given the donors of all these gifts.

D. F. Magee, Esq., chairman of the annual outing of the Historical Society, held at Oak Hill and Paradise Presbyterian Church this year, was appointed to prepare a written report of that delightful event for publication in the society pamphlet.

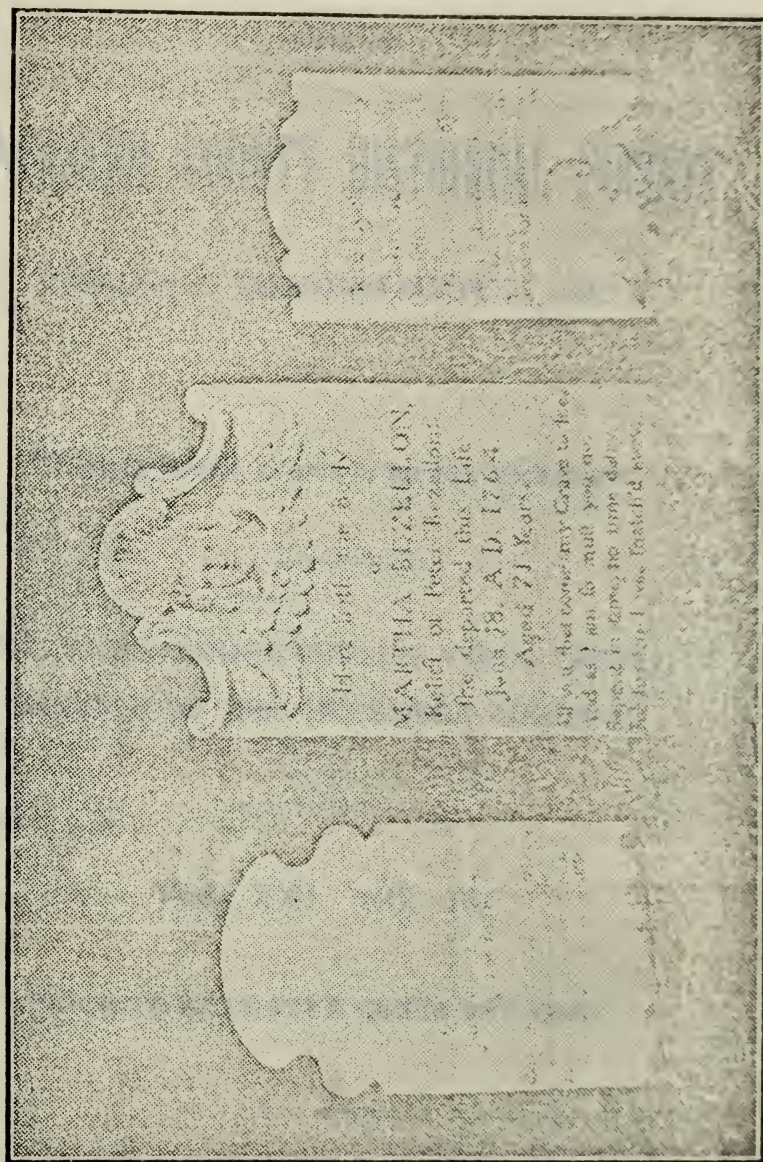
Chairman H. Frank Eshleman, of the committee compiling an index of the first twenty volumes of the Historical Society pamphlets, and Miss Lottie

M. Bausman, assisting extensively in the work, reported considerable progress. Mr. Eshleman was of the opinion that this valuable and comprehensive addition to the collection of pamphlets will be ready for publication by New Year. It was roughly estimated that it would contain about seventy-five pages and cost several hundred dollars to have printed and bound. D. B. Landis and Treasurer A. K. Hostetter moved that the matter be submitted to publishers for consideration to make an estimate of cost of publishing same and that it then be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee, also that it is the sense of the society that the work go forward and that the society take definite action upon it as soon as it is finished. D. F. Magee, Esq., spoke highly of the value of this exhaustive index now in course of compilation and supplemented the gentlemen's motion with the amendment that the society strongly recommend to the Executive Committee that they issue the index as soon as possible. Which addition to his resolution was accepted by both men and the original motion and supplement were unanimously adopted.

Vice President H. Frank Eshleman, Esq., read some interesting extracts from news published in two rare old Philadelphia newspapers prior to the Revolutionary War, the notes read being particularly those pertaining to Lancaster county people and events from the year 1734 to 1757. They were gleaned from the files of The Mercury (of which there is but one extant today), and The Pennsylvania Gazette (of which there are only a few files in existence). The Gazette was the forerunner of The North American, one of the great present Philadelphia daily newspapers. Mr. Eshleman showed how Pennsylvania and New England were far ahead of New York in the matter of newspapers in the early colonial days. The Pennsylvania Gazette was established in 1728.

D. F. Magee, Esq., read a brief paper, "Some Historical Mistakes Corrected," by President F. R. Diffenderffer.

A unanimous vote of thanks was given the authors and readers in each instance.



PETER BEZALLION'S GRAVE.

Here are shown the tombstones of Peter and Martha Bezaillon, in old St. John's churchyard, Pequea. The old cemetery is going to rack and ruin at a rapid rate and possibly in the near future even these remarkable and noteworthy markers will no longer be in place or have decipherable inscriptions.

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OLD ST. JOHN'S CHURCH YARD, PEQUEA.

"Great families of yesterday we show
And lords whose parents were the Lord knows who."
—Defoe.

Pennsylvania, obviously, was not named after William Penn the Quaker, but in honor of his father, Admiral Penn, the Churchman. Had William Penn his way the Province (1) might have been called New Wales. It was Charles the Second who insisted on the name Pennsylvania.

The Charter issued in 1681 for Pennsylvania decreed:

"And our further pleasure is and we do hereby, for us, our heirs and successors, charge and require, that if any of the inhabitants of the said Province, to the number of twenty, shall at any time hereafter be desirous and shall by any writing, or by any persons deputed for them, signify such their desire to the Bishop of London that any preacher or preachers to be approved of by the said Bishop, may be sent unto them for their instruction, that then such preacher or preachers shall and may be and reside within the said Province without any denial or molestation whatsoever."

There was no congregation of the Church of England within the limits of Pennsylvania, notwithstanding the stipulation in the Charter allowing such, until 1695. As soon as the petition for a parish (Christ Church, Philadelphia) was presented, the Quaker magistrates arrested the attorney who drew it up and several of the principal signers. The Quakers called the first rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, the Reverend Thomas Clayton, "the minister of the doctrine of devils."

Probably with a knowledge of the Charter given to William Penn a sufficient number signed the unique petition which is found in the old Vestry Book belonging to "Saint John's Church, Pequea, in ye county of Chester and Province of Pennsylvania," and printed in Vol. 13, p. 135. of the proceedings of this Society. A wooden church was erected in 1729 upon a plot of ground containing one acre and one perch, and a portion of this ground was reserved for a graveyard, where:

"Each in his cell forever laid
The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep."

Perhaps no grave in the old churchyard attracts more attention than does that of Peter Bezaillion, the Indian Trader. He was born in Canada, of French parentage, and came to this region with Letort, the Indian Trader and other French Protestants in 1686. Bezaillion traded with the Indians in what are now Delaware, Chester and Lancaster counties prior to 1696; and was particularly active in the trade at Conestoga Indian town. About this time he owned a plantation on the west side of the Schuylkill (2) referred to in the minutes of the Board of Property in February, 1717, as: "The old plantation where Peter Bezaillion formerly dwelt." He did not remain there long, as he began to roam about the Province. He penetrated the distant wilderness; bartered with the Indians for peltries; and established trading posts at various points

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About the year 1729 he settled down on a farm in Caln township (3) Chester county. From papers now in the possession of Mr. Joseph Beale, of Coatesville, it is evident that Bezaillion was only a tenant when he located there, for, in 1729, he paid the owner of the tract, John Bezor, eighty-three dollars quit rent. In 1737, Bezaillion and his wife Martha took title from John Warden, of Philadelphia, successor of John Bezor, for five hundred acres of land located now partly in Coatesville and partly in East Caln township. This tract extended from the Smith's of the North and South Valley Hills; and embraced the full width of the Chester Valley. From the Bezaillions the land descended to the Harts, and from them to the Gardners. One hundred and ninety acres of the original tract are in possession of the Beale family to-day. The house in which Peter Bezaillion lived was located within the limits of the present city of Coatesville, and stood near the southwest corner of Olive and 12th streets. A part of this house was standing twenty years ago.

Peter Bezaillion did not have his trading post (4) at his permanent residence, as his headquarters were among the Paxtang Indians, where, in 1721, it has been recorded that he had a trading post. His brother Richard was associated with him.

Peter Bezaillion was a cunning, crafty trader . . . one who was treacherous in his business deals not only with the aborigines but the Colonists as well. His dishonest methods aroused the ire and suspicion of the Provincial authorities. On December 19, 1693, the Bezaillion brothers, and the Letort's (husband and wife) were accused before the Provincial Council by Thomas Jenner and Polycarpus Rose of having carried on a secret correspondence in the year before with "the strange Indians called the Shall-Narooners (Shawanees) and the French of Canada." That his treachery was known to many is evident from a letter which William Markham (5) wrote to the Governor of Maryland under date of June 26, 1696, the Governor of Pennsylvania says: "Upon the copy of what Col. Herman gave unto your Excellency and Council, I shall require security for Bezaillion tho' I know that will not satisfy the Coll. He (Bezaillion) will still be uneasy until he get all the Indian trade to himself."

In 1701, the case of Peter Bezaillion was brought to the attention of William Penn and the Council. He was suspected of being "a very dangerous person in his traffic with the Indians in this troublesome conjuncture of affairs." The Provincial Council resolved that: "It was absolutely necessary that the Frenchman should be restrained from trading or inhabiting amongst the Indians." Two years later Peter Bezaillion was required by Council to give bonds in the amount of 500 pounds and was admonished "to behave himself as a good and loyal subject of Queen Anne." In 1710 he was referred to by the Governor of the Province "as a Frenchman, a Roman Catholic, and a suspicious person generally who trades with the Conestoga Indians." In 1711 his fidelity (6) was again suspected, and this time he was thrown into prison.

Despite his unscrupulous business methods, Peter Bezaillion was a man of some importance (7) in the Province, as the following record in the Minutes of the Provincial Council dated May 18, 1704, would seem to indicate: "Peter Bezaillion, ye French trader, coming to town (Phila.) and being sent for informed ye board that he had heard that those of ye Five Nations who intended shortly down this way, had a design of carrying off the Shawanah Indians, both those settled near Conestoga and those near Lechay, they being colonies of a nation that were their enemies."

His services as interpreter (8) were employed on numerous occasions. When Governor John Evans visited the Shawanese Indians of Pequehan or Pequea on June 30, 1707, the Indian King Opessah received him and delivered a speech in behalf of the youth of the town. Peter Bezaillion, who accompanied the Governor on this trip, acted as interpreter.

In November, 1708, Bezaillion was given permission by the Property Commissioners to erect a home and plant fields for his own use on the lands above Conestoga. In May, 1712, he was licensed by the Governor to trade with the Indians. In July of the same year the Governor told the Indians that Peter Bezaillion was the only trader who had ever been allowed by the Governor to settle amongst them. In 1714 he again received a warrant from the Commissioners of Property allowing him to "seat himself at Paxtang, or at any other Indian town or place on the Susquehanna, in this Province, and to erect such buildings as are necessary for his trade."

On July 18, 1717, he acted as interpreter for the Delawares at a conference held at Conestoga.

His name appears on the first tax list of Conestoga township after its erection in 1718.

In 1728 he acted with Nicholas and John Schull as interpreters at an Indian conference held in Philadelphia.

He died on July 18, 1742, at the advanced age of eighty (9). His personal property was appraised at 573 pounds; and he names eight slaves in his will. One of these slaves Ceasar Gloss by name, Bezaillion brought with him when he settled in Caln township. Tradition says that Gloss was the handy man about his place . . . he built the house and had supervision over the workmen. He lived to an advanced age; and the house in which this slave dwelt was located on the site of the present Drumpelier Hospital at Coatesville. Some of his descendants are living in Coatesville to-day.

One of the earliest Indian paths (10) that led from Philadelphia westward and the one which Peter Bezaillion followed in his trading trips between Philadelphia and his trading posts at Conoy Town and Paxtang, crossed Delaware county diagonally and branched at Tom Moore's mill in the Chester valley, now Downingtown. This path followed the "Old Road" to a point in Lancaster county just beyond the village of White Horse, where it branched to the right and led on through Springville, past Roland's Church to the present power house on the New Holland pike. From this point it followed the dividing line between Earl and Leacock and Penn and Hempleld townships, past the old Donegal Church to Conoy creek and from thence to Conoy Town.

A few miles of the eastern part of "Old Peters Road" in Salisburg (11) township, remains and is known by that name to-day; that part extending from Mount Joy Borough to Conoy creek via Donegal Meeting House has lost its name, but it remains as it was laid out nearly two hundred years ago.

In 1740 the inhabitants of Warwick township petitioned the Court that "the old road or trail commonly called "Peters Road" which was made and used in early times would answer the inhabitants better "than a new road recently laid out. The Court ordered the road to be reviewed as to course and distance and that the proceedings of the same be reported to the Court. After several petitions and revisions it was finally confirmed in the November sessions; and so this part of "Old Peters Road" became absorbed in one of the highways of our county.

Peter Bezaillion married Martha Combe, a sister of Moses and John Combe, Indian traders, and a woman whom tradition has associated with St. John's in high praise. In 1732 a report was sent from St. John's to the Venerable S. P. G. in which Martha Bezaillion is mentioned as "a principal benefactrix." About this time she had contributed one hundred pounds towards the purchase of a glebe of one hundred acres "for the use and behoof of a clergyman rightly ordained and regularly licensed and authorized to officiate in said church under the Jurisdiction of the Bishop of London." In 1753 she contributed 5 pounds 8 shillings towards the erection of a stone church.

In 1764, the Rev. Thomas Barton wrote to the Secretary of the S. P. G. that Martha Bezaillion's character deserved to be recorded. "She contributed so generously to the Church at Pequea, and it pleased Providence, weak as I am to bring that woman into the Church. I baptized her when above forty years old, and she is a sober pious Christian and zealous for our Church." Barton was mistaken about her age. She was at least seventy. Barton was ordained in 1755; and came to St. John's in 1750. It is highly improbable that he should have baptized her before this year certainly not before his ordination in 1755. She died on June 18, 1764, aged 71 years. The statement (12) of Reverend Wilson Walters that both Peter Bezaillion and his wife were members of the Church of England is erroneous. As far as could be learned Peter neither contributed to the support nor became a member of the parish. In all probability he was of Huguenot extraction, and not a Roman Catholic as the Governor of Penna. claimed him.

In 1719 a patent (13) was granted to Martha Bezaillion for 700 acres of land on the east bank of the Susquehanna between Chickasalonga and Conewago creeks, adjoining the Conoy Indian town. She gave 158 acres of this land to John Hart by deed of Dec. 22, 1762.

Moses Combe, (14) a brother of Martha Bezaillion, was successfully engaged in the Indian trade in Donegal township where he had a post of Conoy creek before 1716. He died about 1736 and was buried beside his sister Martha.

The John Hart to whom Martha deeded 158 acres of land in 1762 is said to be her nephew. He was licensed as an Indian trader in 1744, and was a son of John Hart, the "Shamokin trader," who was accidentally killed while hunting with the Indians on the Ohio 1729-1730.

John Hart (15) had a brother Thomas who was a merchant in Philadelphia. Peter Bezaillion purchased from him such goods and trinkets as were needed in his trade; and in return sold to Thomas Hart the peltries, etc., which he procured from the Indians. Thomas Hart died May 18, 1774, and was buried by the side of Peter Bezaillion.

The Clemsons (16) became connected with the parish of St. John's early in its history. The progenitor of this family was Jacob Clemson, who was one of the early Swedish settlers in Delaware before 1650. His son James married Jean Coates who came from England with her parents in 1682. The Coates' family were strict Friends; and are said to have a common ancestry with William Penn. It was through this marriage that the Clemsons became identified with the Friends. The first James Clemson and wife are buried in the old Friends Burying Ground, 4th and Arch streets, Philadelphia. His son, the 2nd James Clemson, and Thomas are buried at old Sadsbury Burying Ground.

The 3rd James Clemson was the first of his family to leave the Quakers. In 1750 he married Margaret Herd—a daughter of Stephen Herd and a strict Presbyterian. She was a member of the Octoraro Church. He refused to go with her to the Presbyterian Church, and she refused to go to Quaker meeting. They compromised and joined St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, Pequea. In 1753 James Clemson the third was one of the fifty-two subscribers towards the erection of the first stone church. He later served in the Vestry. He died on July 13, 1792, aged 63 years, and was buried in the church yard.

The first James Clemson, who lived and died in Philadelphia, took up three tracts of land in Salisbury township in 1716 for his son James the second. He also purchased a tract of land on the "old road" near White Horse, Penna. The house built in 1735 for the second James Clemson was standing until a short time ago.

John Clemson, son of John the first, had but one child—a daughter Hannah, who on Oct. 31, 1747, was married to John, son of Adam Buckley, of Brandywine Hundred, New Castle county. What is now known as Buckley's farm.

Hannah inherited. Hannah's daughter Ann married Ammon Grubb. Ann's niece, Harriet Amelia, daughter of Daniel Buckley, married Henry Bates Grubb on Dec. 1, 1808. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Levi Bull at Daniel's homestead called "Competence Farm."

Louisa Clemson, a descendent of Thomas Clemson, married Dr. Samuel Washington, a grandnephew of General George Washington.

Another noted family buried in the churchyard is that which bears the name of Douglass (17). Tradition claims them direct descendants of the famous robber-baron clan that terrorized all Scotland generations ago. The progenitors of this family are Andrew, James and Archibald. These three brothers were engaged in the rebellion of 1715 in favor of the Pretender, and for that cause were obliged to leave their native land. They came from near Edinburgh, and landed in America sometime during 1725-1728. They settled near the fertile valley of the Pequea; and were associated with St. John's Parish from its inception. The history of this sturdy family of pioneers is so closely interwoven with that of the parish, that one cannot write of the former without including the latter. The names of Andrew, James and Archibald appear on the first list of subscribers in 1729. When funds were solicited for a stone church in 1753, Archibald's contribution was the largest received.

In 1740 Andrew Douglass served as Commissioner of Lancaster county. He died Jan. 20, 1742, and was buried in the churchyard. His son George married Mary Piersol and settled in Berks county, where he was a justice of the peace before the Revolution. From 1772-1784 he was one of the judges of the County Court.

James Douglass took up one hundred acres of land in Lancaster county in 1738. He died on Nov. 8, 1757. He left one son, Edward, who with his uncle Archibald took up 500 acres of land in Lancaster county in 1743.

Archibald Douglass died Nov. 26, 1756, and was buried in the churchyard. He was the father of eight children. His son, John, was a Judge in the Lancaster County Court; and a member of the Assembly (18) in the years 1756, 1761, 1762, 1763. Another son, Thomas, born in 1722 and died May 27, 1794. He, too, was buried in the church yard. In his will probated on June 23, 1794, he stipulated among other things that: "fifty pounds be given to the use of Saint John's Church at Pequea, for building or repairing the same, to be applied as the Vestry and Congregation may think proper.

"Item. I give fifty pounds to be let on land securely and interest thereof to be paid annually forever to the Church and Minister of St. John's Church at Pequea, and his successors in that place.

"Item. I give ten pounds to purchase a hearse for the use of the Congregation of St. John's Church.

"Item. I give sixty-five pounds to be distributed amongst the needful (not meaning the poor who are a public charge of the township of Salisbury) to be divided as my executors and a majority of the township may think proper.

"Item. I require that my executors forever shall pay to the use of St. John's Church aforesaid every first day of May the sum of two pounds lawful, to be paid to those who may be legally authorized to receive the sum of two pounds.

"This is also my order and desire that the Church and Clergy and the poor always have preference in their payments, and that these my orders may fully and truly to every true meaning be fulfilled as soon as the money can be collected, having reference to this as my last will and testament."

James Douglass had one son, Edward. Edward's son, Archibald, married Rebecca Richardson.

The father of Rebecca Douglass was William Richardson, who came to the Pequea valley before 1720, and settled along the "Old Peters Road" near what is now White Horse. The old King's Highway was the southern boundary of his land. He was one of the founders of St. John's Parish.

Upon a pyramidal monument (19) in the old church yard may be seen this inscription:

Adelaide

Born Jan. 31, 1835. Died May 31, 1856.

The following is a brief version of her unhappy romance:

The Reverend Edward Purdon Wright was rector of St. John's from 1854-1856. Just before coming to the parish he married a widow by the name of Corryell, who had two children Adelaide and Thomas. In the summer of 1855, a young foreigner, presumably a Spaniard, by the name of Joseph Hazazer was employed to paint the church. He and Adelaide fell in love with each other, and the mother looked with much disfavor upon the attachment. The young people taking advantage of the absence of the parent, walked to the parsonage of the Pequea Presbyterian church and were married by the Reverend John Wallace. In his diary he records it as follows: "Tuesday, June 26, 1855, 4 p. m. by the Rev. John Wallace Joseph Hazazer to Adelaide Corryell, Philadelphia and Salisbury, Lancaster county." The mother would not allow the man to claim his bride. Adelaide died at the age of twenty-one. Her child was taken away by the mother and neither of the parents ever knew what became of it.

Mrs. Wright had the monument erected with the name Adelaide Corryell inscribed upon it. Sometime afterwards Mr. Hazazer visited the grave and had his name carved on it. This the Wrights' had taken off and left the name "Adelaide" there, and thus it remains to this day.

Joseph Hazazer married again and had children. He was a member of the firm of Haldy and Hazazer, painters and artists of Philadelphia.

The oldest tomb in the churchyard bears the date 1731 and was erected to the memory of George Boyd (20). His son, George Boyd, Jr., died June 12, 1763, aged 48 years. George, Jr., married Mary, daughter of Archibald Douglass. They had eight children the eldest of whom John, was a Colonel of the 7th Battalion of Lancaster county Militia in the Revolution; and he also participated in the Jersey Campaign. A daughter Margaret became the second wife of Captain James Hamilton, who for fifty years kept the Bulls Head Tavern on the old road in Salisbury township, now the private residence of Arthur Burt.

In 1764 the Reverend Thomas Barton writes: "A stone wall encloses the graveyard, but it is not yet covered."

None of the incumbents of St. John's Parish have been buried in the churchyard.

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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING.

Lancaster Pa., Dec. 6, 1917.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lancaster County Historical Society, held in their rooms, in the A. Herr Smith Library Building, on North Duke street, was largely attended. A meeting of the Executive Committee preceded the regular session. The Board took favorable action upon the invitation to be represented at a conference of historical societies to be held on December 29, at the annual meeting of the American Historical Federation in the rooms of the Pennsylvania Historical Society in Philadelphia. D. F. Magee, Esq., and A. K. Hostetter were selected as delegates from the local organization. The purpose of the conference is to take up the question of the preservation of material anent the present world war in which the United States is involved.

Owing to the greatly increased cost of paper, the price of all back numbers of the Lancaster County Historical Society pamphlets, as well as current issues, save those copies to which members are entitled free of charge, will hereafter be 25 cents each.

President F. R. Diffenderffer had charge of both executive and regular general meetings. As the occasion was the time for the annual nomination of officers, he announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election. This statement was most respectfully received and elicited many encomiums as to the splendid work which Dr. Diffenderffer has performed throughout the history of the society, he having been one of the originators and always one of the moving spirits, with more than forty papers to his credit as prepared for it by him and published in its pamphlets. As he had refused to consider a re-election to the presidency, he was nominated for the office of first vice president.

The other officers nominated were: President, Hon. Charles I. Landis; Second Vice President, H. Frank Eshleman, Esq.; Recording Secretary, Charles B. Hollinger; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Martha B. Clark; Treasurer, A. K. Hostetter; Librarian, Harry Stehman, Jr., and Executive Committee, Mrs. Sarah B. Carpenter, Mrs. Mary N. Robinson, D. F. Magee, Esq., George Steinman, D. B. Landis, G. F. K. Erisman, L. B. Herr, J. L. Summy, Miss Daisy E. B. Grubb and I. C. Arnold, Esq.

Charles McMullen, of Lancaster, was elected to membership in the society; and the following persons were nominated for membership; F. E. Herr, of Millersville, and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Kraybill, of Lampeter.

Miss Lottie M. Bausman announced that she has completed a considerable portion of the new index of the Historical Society pamphlets now in course of compilation by herself and others.

The President appointed as an auditing committee, L. B. Herr, D. B. Landis and D. F. Magee, Esq.

The paper of the evening, which proved a most interesting production, and was accorded a hearty applause, was read by the author, William Frederick Worner, of No. 320 East New street. His subject was "Old St. John's Churchyard, Pequea."

The librarian announced that the following donations and exchanges were received by the Historical Society during the past month:

The Last of the Wild Pigeon in Bucks County, a book from Henry D. Paxson, of Philadelphia; a pamphlet, The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Associated Western Yale Clubs; The Early Life of Professor Elliot, a pamphlet from Dr. George C. Keidel, of Washington, D. C.; St. John's Messenger of October and November, 1917, from Rev. George Israel Browne, of Lancaster; Linden Hall Echo, November, 1917; Sixty-five metal cuts for book work, showing many local scenes and dignatories, from William Riddle, of Lancaster; three hundred and eighty-three State Government, Legislative, Executive and other reports and documents, in as many volumes, from Ex-Senator Amos Mylin, of Pequea Valley, and The Peaceful Life, a book from the author, Prof. Oscar Kuhns, of Wesleyan University.

